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## PREFACE

WE are sure the reader will appreciate our decision to entitle this fifth annual edition of "WHO'S WHO IN INDIAN CRICKET" (for the year 1946) as VICTORY NUMBER. It is an admitted fact that Indian Cricket, for that matter Cricket in every country, cannot flourish but for the Victory over aggression and hostilities which had to be fought against, for nearly six years at the cost of invaluable men and material. As our publication is devoted to Indian Cricket, we thought that it would be more fitting to the occasion to display the photograph of His Excellency Lord Wavell on the front cover Page of this edition to mark the return of peace during the Viceroyalty of Lord Wavell to whom we are greatly indebted for his kindness in permitting us to do so.

With all the encouragement and support extended to the first four editions, we have aimed at making this edition as interesting and successful as possible to the best of our ability and resources. We do not therefore hesitate to hope that our sincere efforts in this direction will go unrecognised especially in view of the fact that the spade work for compilation of this edition was taken in hand during the critical turning point of the Second World War. We also feel that this preface would be incomplete without reference to the kind patronage of His Highness the Nawab Saheb of Bhopal, their Highnesses the Maharajas of Jamnagar, Patiala, Pudukottah, Palayampatty, Balrampur to our publication. Thanks are also due to Mr. W. Christie, the Chief Commissioner of Delhi, R.B. Devichand Khanna of Lahore, Mr. M. G. Kadir of Allahabad, Mr. Ramgopal of Cawnpore, Seth Ram Krishna Dalmia, Mr. G.C. Tandon of Lahore and Lala Sohanlal Singhanian of Cawnpore for their kindness in extending patronage for the first time to our Victory Edition.

To all contributors of articles, advertisers old and new, and friends who have been kind enough in giving their assistance to the compilation of this Edition our cordial thanks are due. Here we would also sincerely thank Mr. R. Krishnan for his most invaluable help which he so voluntarily rendered to the Annual in more than one way.

In the end, we wish to take this opportunity of expressing our intention to commence, in the near future, publication of a monthly journal mainly devoted to all sports and games, besides presenting the annual editions of "Who's Who In Indian Cricket", as hitherto.

19th April, 1946.

THE EDITOR.



*M. H. MAQSOOD,*

EDITOR

*"Dho's Dho in Indian Cricket"*





GOVERNOR'S CAMP,  
UNITED PROVINCES.

November 29, 1945.

It has been my privilege to read every edition of "Who's Who in Indian Cricket" since it was first published in 1940. Each edition has improved on its predecessor and this reflects great credit on Mr. M.H. Maqsood, the Editor. I am sure that not only all Cricket-lovers, but also the public in general, have appreciated reading the various editions, as much as I have. The publication is well put together. I wish it continued success, and I hope that it may engender the "Cricket" spirit, both on and off the field, in all lovers of sport.

*W. A. Allch*

Governor,  
United Provinces.



SIR R. W. TARGETT, C.I.E.

In recent matches against a formidable Australian team Indian cricketers have shown their quality. This will quicken interest in the game in India and we can expect even better performances. 'Who's Who in Indian Cricket' will assist in encouraging the spread of this interest and I wish it and its Editor every success.

*R. W. Targett*

(R.W. TARGETT)  
10.12.45



Mr. Maqsood's request for a message for the 1945-46 edition of his book "Who's Who in Indian Cricket" has come at a very opportune time when we here in Delhi have recently witnessed a first class game against the Australian Services Team which has completed a very successful summer's cricket in England and is now paying a short, but nevertheless extremely welcome, visit to India. The match here in Delhi drew a record crowd which was proof, if proof be needed, that cricket is not on the wane in India. The performance of Indian players, - a number of them still students and consequently at the threshold of their cricketing careers, - against this formidable team of grand cricketers from Australia, is a great encouragement for the future of cricket in India. Consequently a book of this nature "Who's Who in Indian Cricket" fills, and should continue to fill, a very necessary requirement. I have been extremely interested in the four previous annual editions of Mr. Maqsood's book and I wish him all success ~~in~~<sup>with</sup> the new 1945-46 edition.

Delhi:  
November 1945

*W. H. Hassett*

Bombay,  
6th November, 1945.



I have read through the first four editions of Mr Maqsood's "Who's Who in Indian Cricket". As well as being full of interest and enjoyment to the readers, I am sure that they fulfill a necessary part in cricket in this country. I would like to take

this opportunity of offering my thanks to the officials and players of India for the friendship and gracious hospitality they have offered to the Australian Services touring party.

I wish them the very best of luck in everything and hope that soon, we in Australia shall have the pleasure of welcoming them to our shores.

Lindsay Hassett.  
Captain, Australian Services Cricket Team, 1945.



Ibrahim Palace

PATAUDI.

4th December, 1945.

Mr Maqsood informs me that he is bringing out the 1946 Victory Edition of "WHO'S WHO IN INDIAN CRICKET". I hope the new edition will be as interesting as the four editions before it.

Mr Maqsood has asked me to give some advice to Indian cricketers in this message, but I feel that I am not a good enough player to offer advice to others. All I can do is to join my fellow-countrymen in hoping and praying that Indian Cricket may flourish, and that the Team going to England next summer may succeed in wiping off the bitter and humiliating memories of 1932 and 1936. All of us will be happy if the Team can show to the cricket world that India CAN field a real "Team" --and not eleven good individual cricketers.



*Pataudi*

**The NAWAB OF PATAUDI**  
Captain, All India Cricket  
Team, 1946.



Mr. S. M. Bashir, B.Com. (Lond.), F R.E S.,  
Bar-at-Law,

CAWNPORE,  
25th January, 1946.

*Mr M. H. Maqsood, Editor of 'WHO'S WHO IN INDIAN CRICKET' has kindly asked me to give him a message for his 1946 Edition As a great supporter of Cricket, I have always felt that there is a great deal of talent in our country and what we need now, in order to improve the standard of Cricket, is coaching. Unless coaching is given to the youngsters from the very start, the average standard of Cricket in India will not go as high as desirable. Therefore, it is essential for the Cricket Control Board for India to take a lead in this direction.*

*Mr. M. H. Maqsood has been taking a very keen interest in Cricket and by brining out this 'Annual' he has been rendering a very valuable service, particularly when it is appreciated that it was very difficult during the war-time to have arranged to edit such a book. I highly commend to all lovers of Cricket to give every possible assistance to Mr. Maqsood, so that this good work is carried out on a still bigger scale in future years to come*

S. M. BASHIR.

## MESSAGE.

BOMBAY,  
5th Nov. 1945.

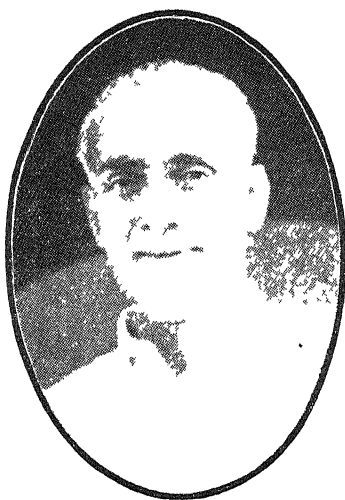
*As Manager of the Australian Services Cricket Team I feel honoured at having been asked to convey a message to the great Cricket loving people of India per medium of this splendid book which has been presenting Cricket information to them in such interesting form since 1940. It is fitting that this should be a Victory Edition to which I contribute, as without the Victory to which India and Australia and other members of the Empire have sacrificed so much, it is doubtful if our great empire game would have survived. We were privileged and proud whilst in England awaiting repatriation home after hostilities had ceased, to play many Cricket matches including 5 "Victory Tests". These games did much to rehabilitate the game there, and from them we all learnt a great deal. It was grand news to us to know that we could go home via India and have the chance to play here, in response to a kind invitation by the Indian Board of Control for Cricket. It meant six weeks longer away from home, which some of our members had not seen for over four years but it also meant that we could have the opportunity of learning more of the game in your Country and perhaps help your selectors to sift your wealth of the important games ahead. I hope this team of ours which has been selected from so few, will not disappoint you and that the games will be both entertaining and interesting. I hope that on examining the possibilities, ways and means may be found whereby our Countries will meet each other on the field of play more often in the future.*

*Most important of all, I trust that this all too short visit, will further cement our relations, with friendship and understanding, which will endure in the years ahead.*

K. JOHNSON,  
AUSTRALIAN SERVICES CRICKET TEAM

New Delhi,  
3rd Nov., 1945.

I feel honoured for being asked to write a message for Mr. Maqsood's 'Who's Who'—1946 Victory Edition. Indian Cricket is advancing everyday. We certainly need contributions towards cricket from the pens of those that have genuine interest for this game in our country. I have known Mr. Maqsood both on and off the field. I am confident the book will serve its purpose. I wish the Author all the Luck.



C. K. NAYUDU.



Madras,  
5th Dec., 1945.

"I am beholden to Mr. Maqsood for his courtesy in asking me to send a message for the Victory Edition of "Who's Who in Indian Cricket". Cricket in India, for that matter throughout the British Empire suffered a set back by the declaration of war on the fateful day of September 3rd 1939.

Thank God ! the war has ended in a great victory for the Allied Nations. Many Cricketers, great and small, have laid down their lives for the great cause of Democracy. Let us remember them always gratefully. May Cricket flourish in the greens of all countries uninterrupted is the prayer of this humble servant of Cricket in India.

K. S. RANGA RAO.

## CHAPTER I

### MY IMPRESSION ON INDIAN CRICKET.

*( This article has been contributed by Denis Compton  
the All England and Middlesex Cricketer  
exclusively for our publication )*

IT gives me a peculiar pleasure to write this short article under the above caption for the 1946 Edition of Mr. Maqsood's "WHO'S WHO IN INDIAN CRICKET" which is scheduled to be out next month. Before passing on to the subject of my article, I must thank Mr. Maqsood for the kindness with which he has sent me copies of the previous four editions of his publication and I do not hesitate to say that I have read them with great interest. A perusal of the previous editions has convinced me that Mr. Maqsood has taken great pains in compiling this publication on Indian Cricket covering all aspects of the game in this country. Besides being a first-class cricketer he is also a fine and keen judge of the game. I have had an opportunity of playing with Mr. Maqsood in the Final of the All India Jan Shield against Mamdot Club of Lahore at Delhi in which he scored a faultless 85 at the same time enabling me to hit up 220. It will be very difficult for me to forget this opportunity I had, and his display in the above match has made me think that he definitely ranks among the best Indian Cricketers with and against whom I have played in India. I am sure his keen interest in cricket will go a long way in making his 'Annual' treatise complete and superb in all respects.

During the past two years, I also have had the opportunity of playing for, and against India's leading cricketers. Generally speaking I have found them in the first-class standard.

India is in a strong position, with such fine batsmen as Merchant, Modi, Hazare, Amar Nath, Vinoo Mankad, and



Mustaq Ali, to quote the most well known. These fine players, are well supported by the future stars, such as Gul Mohamed, Abdul Hafeez, Kishenchand, Rusi Cooper, and Imtiaz. With such an array of fine talent, the future for India in the world of Cricket looks very bright.

Although I would not dare to forecast the results of the forthcoming tour, of the Indian Cricketers, in England this year, I do feel that if the Indian batsmen can adapt themselves to the conditions of the English wickets, they will do well, and England will find the opposition very strong.

There is a considerable difference between playing on an Indian wicket, and playing on an English wicket. In this country, the wicket normally favours the batsman, especially Brabourne Stadium. In England however the wickets give the bowler much more chance, and help to exploit his skill. It will be interesting to watch the performances of C S Nayadu, and Amir Elahi, under these conditions,

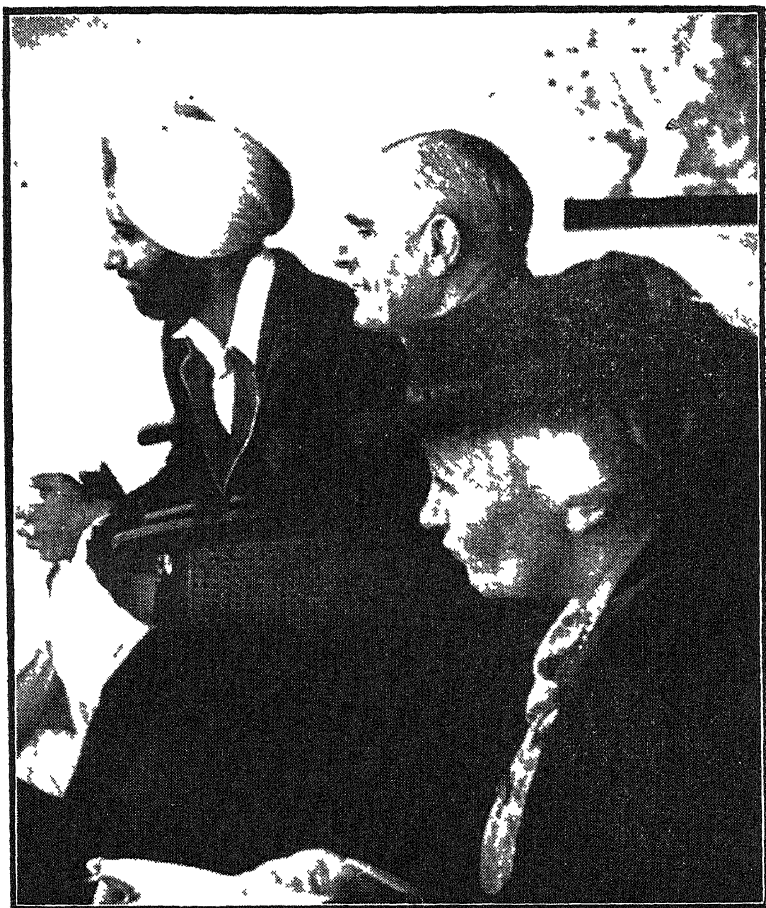
India's strength does not unfortunately extend to her bowling. There is without doubt a shortage of good fast bowlers. I cannot help feeling that development in this direction would go far to help bridge the gulf between the rather dull high scoring, that the wickets here produce, and more keenly contested matches.

In the one hundred years of Cricket history in India, I think that the Indians can be well proud of their achievements, and they are fast growing to rank amongst the best in International competitions.

I have been very impressed with the keenness that I have found in this country. As a nation India is very cricket minded, and speaking as a player, I find that very heartening. I wish you all, the very best of luck.

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## OUR PATRONS



Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Wavell are watching the Princes XI batting against the Australian Services Cricket Team of 1945 from the Willingdon Pavilion, New Delhi. H. H. the Maharaja Dhiraj of Patiala, Captain of the Princes XI is sitting next to His Excellency the Viceroy.

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## OUR PATRONS



H. E. Sir Maurice Garnier Hallet, K.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., C.I.E., I.C.S., the ex-Governor of United Provinces, has been one of the generous Patrons of Cricket. Besides Cricket, His Excellency also took a keen interest in all sorts of sporting activities. The United Provinces owe a great debt of gratitude for all that H. E. did for the promotion of sports in the United Provinces.

## CHAPTER II

### **RANJI TROPHY CHAMPIONSHIP 1944-45.**

**I**N the eleventh Championship for the Ranji Trophy, 17 associations competed as against 19 last year. The following Associations did not enter for the Championship :- Rajaputana, C. P. & Berar and Gwalior Sports Associations. Now that the war is over, I hope that in the coming year all the associations including the Army Sports Control Board would compete in the Championship.

This Championship was inaugurated 11 years ago to commemorate the memory of one of India's greatest cricketers "Ranji" and since then has been rendering yeoman service to Indian cricket in unearthing young talent. It is earnestly hoped that this Championship would continue its useful work even in a larger measure in the years to come.

### **SOUTH ZONE.**

**Madras Vs. Hyderabad.** Madras beat Hyderabad in the first round of the South Zone by 53 runs in a thrilling match which concluded 20 minutes before the scheduled time on the fourth day of the match. The result of the match hung in the balance right up to the last moment. The game swung from one side to another alternately with amazing rapidity and no one dared to predict a Madras victory even half an hour before the end. The miracle happened in the last forty minutes of the play after the tea interval and Hyderabad went down fighting gallantly.

It was Ramsing who was mainly responsible for the victory of Madras and he was ably assisted by the lion-hearted Rangachari.

Madras batting first were all out for a small total of 183 runs. Gopalan batted extremely well for his 55. Gopalan-Richardson partnership yielded 81 runs for the

sixth wicket. For Hyderabad Ghulam Ahmed bowled extremely well in capturing 7 wickets for 64 runs. Hyderabad were all out for 192 runs in their first innings. Jagdish Lal played well for his 54 runs. Hyderabad's score stood at 179 for 4 wickets at one stage. The Madras fast bowler Rangachari captured in a fine spell 5 wickets for 9 runs in five overs. Thus Hyderabad got a small lead of 4 runs in their first innings. In the second innings, Madras were all out for 233 runs. Playing a typical captain's innings, C. P. Johnstone was principally responsible for pulling Madras out of the fire and scored an invaluable 86 runs. Johnstone batted 5 hours and 25 minutes for his 86. For Hyderabad Ghulam Ahmed again bowled well capturing 5 wickets for 81 runs. Sanjeeva Rao kept the wickets very well for Hyderabad. Hyderabad were all out for 176 runs in the second innings.

**South Zone Final :—**Madras beat Mysore by an innings and 126 runs. After a none too good start, Madras were all out for 363 runs. Anantanarayanan played very well and remained unbeaten with 124 runs. He has the distinction of having the highest individual score in the Ranji Trophy matches for Madras. R. Nailer and Gopalan batted well for Madras. P. E. Palia bowled throughout for Mysore. Mysore were all out for 78 runs. Rangachari bowled well in capturing 7 wickets for 34 runs. Mysore were forced to follow on. They scored 159, P. E. Palia hitting up a grand 74.

Thus Madras qualified to meet the East Zone winners in the Semi Final.

**East Zone :** Bengal Vs: United Provinces.

Bengal defeated United Provinces by 75 runs in the first round of the East Zone. Bengal who batted first were all out for 248 runs. P. D. Dutt and P. Sen gave the home side a good start putting 124 runs in 144 minutes for the second wicket. Dutt scored 58 and P. Sen 68. For United Provinces S. N. Gandhi and A. Majeed bowled well in

capturing 5 and 4 wickets respectively. U. P. scored 176 runs in their first knock. For United Provinces S. N. Gandhi batted patiently and for a long time kept one end going and scored 29. A. Majeed hit up 32 runs. For Bengal Dobree-Carey and N. Chowdhry captured 3 wickets each for 48 and 40 runs respectively. Bengal were all out for 157 runs in their second innings. For Bengal T. V. Parthasarathi scored a valuable 30 runs. S. N. Gandhi again bowled well in capturing 4 wickets for 44 runs. U. P. were all out for 154 runs in their second innings. Thus Bengal qualified to play in the East Zone Final.

**Holkar Vs: Bihar :** Holkar beat Bihar by an innings and 140 runs. Holkar batting first scored a great total of 389 runs. For Holkar Jagdale scored a delightful 142 runs and other prominent scorers being C. T. Sarawate 71, Mushtaq Ali 41 and C. K. Nayudu 42. For Bihar, the lion hearted Bannerjee bowled well in capturing 5 wickets for 90 runs.

Bihar could score only 158 and 91 runs in their first and 2nd innings. C. S. Nayudu and C. T. Sarawate were too good for the Behar batsmen.

Thus Holkar qualified to play Bengal in the East Zone Final.

**East Zone Final :** Holkar beat Bengal by an innings and 298 runs. Holkar scored a huge total of 538 in their first knock. C. K. Nayudu, the great veteran gave a capital display of batting by scoring 141. C. T. Sarawate scored a delightful 127 runs. J. N. Bhaya 61 and C. S. Nayudu 50 were the other two important batsmen to put up good scores. Bengal put up a disappointing display in both the innings 64 & 176. T. V. Parthasarathi 60, P. D. Dutt 31 and Dobree-Carey 33 were useful scorers for Bengal in their 2nd knock. Thus Holkar qualified to meet Madras in the Semi-Final for the East and South Zones.

### **Semi-Final : East and South Zone.**

Holkar beat Madras by 10 wickets. Madras batting first were all out for 254 runs. For a while the Madras Batsman held the whip hand and then all of a sudden they lost the grip. It was Sarwate who was chiefly responsible for dismissing Madras for this modest total and his bag of 6 wickets for 89 runs represented splendid work. Johnstone played a fine innings for his 64 runs. Ramsingh batted well for 34 runs.

B C Alva 40 and M. J. Gopalan 33 were useful scorers. Holkar scored 403 runs in their first knock. Denis Compton, All England Cricketer scored a valuable 81. C.T. Sarawate batted well for his 74 runs. C. K. Nayudu hit merrily for his 52. Rangachari bowled magnificently well in capturing 7 wickets for 110 runs. Madras scored only 158 runs in their second knock. F. R. Richardson and C. P. Johnstone scoring 44 and 38 runs respectively. C. T. Sarawate again bowled well in capturing 7 wickets for 60 runs. Holkar who had to make 10 runs for a win made them for no loss of wicket. This was a great match for C. T. Sarawate. The Holkar fielding was first class. Thus Holkar qualified to meet in the Final the winner of West and North Zone Semi-final.

**North Zone :** Northern India Cricket Association beat Delhi and Dt. Cricket Association by an innings and 220 runs. Northern India batting first declared their innings closed at 358 for 7 wickets. For Northern India Cricket Association M. R. Bhide scored a fine 124 runs. Other useful scores were A. Hafeez 68, M. Saeed 56 and Muni Lal 30. Delhi scored 52 and 86 runs respectively in their first and 2nd innings. Poor scoring in both the innings by the Delhi & District was mainly due to unplayable wet wicket which was spoiled by heavy rains on the second days of the match.

**North Zone Final :** Northern India Cricket Association Vs Southern Punjab Cricket Association ;

# OUR PATRONS



H. H. the Maharaja Dhiraaj Mohinder Bahadur of Patiala is a great Sportsman and staunch Patron of Cricket and fine art. As a Cricketer H. H. can be ranked among India's best and brilliant players. His Highness is a most distinguished and enlightened ruler and has been doing a great deal for the betterment and prosperity of his State subjects. We always receive His Highness' support for our publication.



Seth Kailashpat Singhania of Cawnpore is the Director of J. K. Industries. He is a great patron of sports and has always been pleased to extend his generous support for the advancement of sporting activities in Cawnpore and outside. We also thank him for extending his kind patronage to our publication.



## OUR PATRONS



The Rajah Saheb of Palayampatty Estate is a very keen sportsman and staunch patron of Cricket. He is one of the Vice-Patrons of the Madras Cricket Association and has done a great deal to popularise Cricket in the mofussil. Raja Saheb is one of the chief patrons of this 'Annual' and we sincerely thank him for his continued generous financial support for the successful compilation of this Annual.

Northern India Cricket Association beat Southern Punjab Cricket Association by 357 runs. N.I.C.A. batting first hit up a good score of 449 runs. Munilal gave a good start by scoring a valuable 59 runs. Ramprakash added another useful 77 runs. M Aslam batted well for his 91 and was unlucky to miss his century. The Southern Punjab were all out for 293 in their first knock. Murawat gave a good start to Southern Punjab Cricket Association by scoring 71 runs. Maqsood gave a magnificent display of batting by scoring 144 runs. He was particularly spectacular on the off side. N.I.C.A. in their second innings declared at 278 for 7 wickets. Munilal again batted well scoring 85 runs. Imtiaz Ahmad scored a beautiful 100 not out. Southern Punjab had to make 455 runs in 150 minutes which was an impossibility. Southern Punjab were skittled out for a paltry 92. Thus N.I.C.A. qualified to meet in Semi-Final the winner in the West Zone.

**West Zone :** Western India States Cricket Association beat Gujarat by 200 runs. Western India-holders batted first scored 224 runs. Rathod was the top scorer scoring 48. Gujarat were all out for 140 runs. Alimuddin scoring a good 54 runs. Jayantilal and Nayalchand captured 5 and 4 wickets for 37 and 33 runs respectively. Western India batting next were all out for 271. Girdhari scored a well played 149. Gujarat were all out for 155 runs. Girdhari captured 5 for 25 runs.

Maharashtra beat Nawanagar by 489 runs. Maharashtra were all out for 372 runs. Maharashtra made a disastrous start, half the side being out in less than 2 hours with only 46 runs on the board. Veteran Deodhar stepped in and stopped the rot and his strokes on the off side were delightful to watch. With Gokhale, Professor put on 135 precious runs for the 6th wicket. The Maharashtra captain gave a grand exhibition of faultless Cricket and scored a valuable 105 and incidentally saved his side from utter collapse. For Nawanagar Mubarak Ali bowled exceedingly well and captured 6 wickets for 96 runs. Nawanagar were

out for a poor total of 131 runs. Yadevendrasinghji alone scoring a useful 42 runs. Maharashtra hit up 363 for 7 wickets and declared their innings closed. Another grand and faultless inning of Prof. Deodhar who scored 141 runs which included 24 fours and 1 six and the 7th wicket partnership between himself and Paranjpye which yielded 216 runs again enabled Maharashtra to hit up a good score. Nawanagar were again skittled out for a poor total of 115 runs.

Bombay beat Sind on 1st innings. Bombay who batted for full two days hit up 432 runs in their first knock. R. S. Mody excelled himself by scoring a very valuable 160 runs. U. M. Merchant and K. C. Ibrahim batted very well scoring 84 and 55 runs respectively. For Sind Narottam bowled well in capturing 5 wickets for 35 runs. Sind batted for the whole of the 3rd day and scored 238 for 6 wickets. Sind were all out for 264 runs. F/O. R. O Simpson scored a well played 88 runs. Daud Khan and Inayat Khan played well for their 53 and 51 runs respectively. Khote bowled exceedingly well in capturing 6 wickets for 90 runs. Bombay made Sind to follow on as they had a lead of 168 runs. Sind collected 244 runs for 4 wickets. Simpson, Narottam and Ambeb`scoring 63, 58 and 51 runs respectively. Bombay batting next scored 16 runs for 1 wkt. Thus Bombay beat Sind on first innings score.

**Baroda Vs. Maharashtra:** Baroda beat Maharashtra by 354 runs. Baroda started disastrously by losing the 1st wicket at 20 and the second at 41. V. S. Hazare and Raiji put valuable 98 runs for the next wicket. M. N. Raiji batted well for his 68 runs. V. S. Hazare scored a beautiful 127 runs. Baroda were all out for 314 runs. Maharashtra in their first knock were all out for 205 runs. Rege and Prof. Deodhar played well for their 72 and 39 runs respectively. For Baroda V. S. Hazare and Amir Elahi captured 3 wickets each. Baroda batting next declared at a huge total of 512 for 3 wickets. R. B. Nimbalkar scored a brilliant 117 runs. Adhikari and V. S. Hazare

batted well for their 164 and 162 respectively and remained unbeaten. Maharashtra were all out for 267 runs in their second knock. Prof. Deodhar again batted well for his 60 runs. Thus Baroda beat Maharashtra by 354 runs.

Bombay beat W.I.S.C.A. by an innings and 312 runs. W.I.S.C.A. batted first and collected only 188 runs in their first innings. W.I.S.C.A. were without the services of two of their stalwarts Saeed Ahmed and Kishenchand. W.I.S.C.A. started badly by losing 2 wickets for 13 runs within 20 minutes from the start.

Shantilal Gandhi and Jayantilal were, however, responsible for scoring valuable 80 and 46 respectively for their team.

Bombay put up a huge total of 592 for 6 wickets and declared their innings closed. The main feature of Bombay's batting was R. S. Modi and V. M. Merchants' batting both of whom hit up double centuries and the partnership between them for the 3rd wicket yielded 373 runs. R. S. Modi scored 210 runs and V. M. Merchant 217 runs. W.I.S.C.A. entered for their second knock with the uphill task of scoring 404 runs to avoid an innings defeat, and were skittled out for a meagre 92. K. K. Tarapore bowled splendidly for Bombay in capturing 5 wickets for 20 runs. Thus the holders of the Ranji Trophy lost to the Bombay in the 2nd round of the West Zone.

**West Zone Final :** Bombay beat Baroda by 7 wickets. Sensational Cricket was witnessed on the opening day of the West Zone final match when Bombay going in first lost 4 valuable wickets including their Captain for a paltry 36 runs. But thanks are due to R. S. Modi who scored a fighting double century and Cooper who gave him the timely stand at the other end. Bombay were all out for 466 runs. R. S. Modi not out 245, R. S. Cooper 62, and Phanwalkar 78, were the the top scorers.

Baroda started well and then suddenly the game took a turn for the worse. Baroda were all out for 151 runs.

R. B. Nimbalkar and H. R. Adhikari played well for their 37 and 21 runs respectively. Baroda who were forced to follow on, scored a good total of 390 runs. Gul Mohamed scored a fine century. R. B. Nimbalkar again played well and was unlucky to miss his century by 4 runs.

Bombay needing only 74 runs for an outright victory scored the necessary runs at the cost of 3 wickets. Thus Bombay qualified to meet N.I.C.A. in the semi final.

**Semi Final : West Zone Vs. North Zone :** Bombay beat N.I.C.A. by 10 wickets. A fine rally after a shaky start was the feature of the 1st innings of N.I.C.A. A. Hafeez and Ramprakash stepped in and pulled N.I.C.A. out of fire. Hafeez scored a brilliant 145 runs. M. R. Bhide 60 not out, Imtiaz Ahmed 55, Ramprakash 48. N. I. C. A. were all out for 363 runs. Bombay hit up a huge total of 620 runs. R. S. Modi again hit up a brilliant 113. Uday Merchant batted splendidly for his 183. The last wicket partnership yielded 81 runs in 43 minutes for Bombay.

N. I. C. A. were all out for 312 runs in their second knock. Nazar Mohamed 86. Munilal 55. Ramprakash 51 were the chief scorers.

Bombay in their 2nd knock made 58 for no loss, and thus qualified to meet the Holkar in the Final.

### FINAL.

**Bombay Vs. Holkar:** Bombay beat Holkar by 374 runs. Bombay who batted first scored 462 runs. Russi Modi who again batted well was unlucky to miss his century by 2 runs. C. S. Naidu bowled well in capturing 6 wickets for 153 runs.

Holkar started well. K. V. Bhandarkar and C. T. Sarwate giving a good lead with 37 and 67 runs respectively. Batting with refreshing freedom Mushtaq Ali scored a brilliant 109 runs. Holkar were all out for 360 runs giving a lead of 102 runs to Bombay in the 1st innings, Bombay

in their second innings were all out for a huge total of 764 runs. V. M. Merchant hit up a chanceless 278 incidentally achieving the distinction of being the first batsman to have completed 3000 runs in this championship. Cooper hit up a century and with Merchant was concerned in a big stand for the 4th wicket which realised 240 runs. R S. Modi who was unlucky to miss his century by 2 runs in the first innings scored a brilliant 151 runs and created a new record for the National championship by completing 1000 runs in one season in those series beating the previous best of 565 made by S. W. Sohoni for Maharashtra in 1941. Modi set up another record in hitting a century in every match in this series. He compiled 5 centuries in five matches and we offer our warmest congratulations to Russi Modi and best wishes for his future.

Holkar were all out for 492 runs in their second knock. Mushtaq Ali again scored a brilliant 130 runs. Dennis Compton played a great innings in scoring 249 not out. Compton's inning was probably the best ever played by a cricketer in this competition. Thus Bombay won by a handsome margin of 374 runs. Once again a team in the West Zone won this coveted trophy. Salute Bombay the proud winners of the Ranji Trophy

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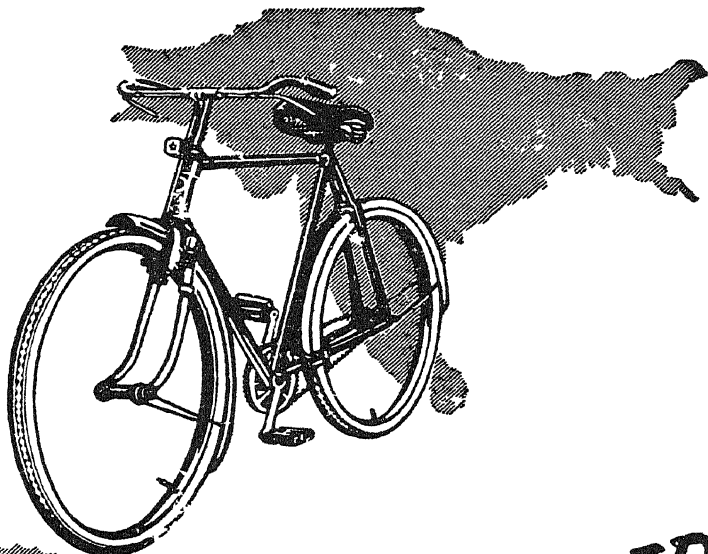
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## CHAPTER III.

### CRICKET IN CEYLON

[T is with great pleasure indeed that I respond to the invitation of the Editor for an article on "CRICKET IN CEYLON IN 1945". For us the year was a memorable one, seeing that at the end of our season we had realised one of our most cherished desire in matching our strength with an all India team, very nearly a fully representative side of India, on our home grounds.

It was with this end in view that we first approached the Indian Cricket Control Board some years ago for regular exchanges of visits and, after our first venture across in keeping with the arrangements arrived at between your Board of Control and our Association, it was indeed a grievous disappointment to every-one of us in our little Island when Japan compelled us to call off the arrangements we had made for your return visit in 1942.

I think the Indian cricketers who visited us early in 1945 will be able to tell you that Ceylon's crowd made it clear to them how welcome they were during their all too short stay with us. Some of you may not know it, so that in justice to him I feel I must say it here, that it was your Board's Secretary, the indefatigable Mr. K. S. Ranga Rao, who first gave us the tip, as early as in February 1944, that it was just possible that India would be able about March 1945 to pay us that put off return visit.

From the day his letter reached Ceylon we buckled to the prospect and began our preparations. We would not allow ourselves to be denied the pleasurable prospect of having your men with us even though a later official communication from Mr. Ranga Rao stated that transport difficulties threatened to make it impracticable for the tour to be staged in 1945. Happily for us we have in

Ceylon one who is as enthusiastic on Cricket as your worthy President Dr. P. Subbarayan. He is none other than our President Mr. P. Saravanamuttu who like your President has been holding this Office for the last eight years.

We were faced with many difficulties, having been compelled by the existing war conditions. The chief was the curtailment of facilities for the intensive indulgence in the game that a proper preparation for the proposed Indian Tour necessitated. Another detracting factor was that the barest minimum of grounds were available. But with the co-operation of the three Services, all these were surmounted even partially and a Knock-Out Tournament, which developed into one on a League basis among the last 8 of the 19 participating clubs, gave a really searching preparation.

As one who was in very close touch with things, I can bear glad testimony to the fact that every-one, even in the remotest way concerned with the prospective tour, was enthusiastically responsive to the efforts the C. C. A. were putting forward to make the tour worth-while in every way for your team. And soon there was a wave of enthusiasm all over the country. Your players, with their doughty deeds in the Pentangular and Ranji Trophy Tournaments, helped materially to flame, and as the time drew near to your actual arrival, a state of feverish heat in anticipation existed.

It was indeed a just and fitting coincidence that just then what can well be called our best-equipped Cricket ground and Pavilion, christened the "Colombo Oval" by H.E. Sir Andrew Caldecott, the Governor of Ceylon and the home of the Tamil Union of which our worthy President is the most live-wire member, was on the point of completion. Its supporting and natural grass wicket had been in use only a few years, but it had already won the highest encomium as

the type of wicket that was decreed for *Brighter Cricket* of the Brave New Post-War World.

It had been decided that this ground was to provide the main stage for the Tour. All this combined to the interest of the public, and we feel justified in expecting that a great big welcome was assured your men. As a matter of fact they were exceeded by the spontaneous support extended to all our matches and we were definitely able to declare an absolute state of success and a record in every way,

With so great an incentive before them it was little wonder that our cricketers were all fired with a keenness to bring themselves into a meeting with India's giants. This had an incalculable effect on the improvement of our standard that as the time came for the selection of their teams the C.C.A. were presented with puzzles of the most intriguing nature. Still it must be said that the three Selectors acquitted themselves well and it was only in the match at Galle that a side worthy of the tourists was not pitted against them, by the Galle C. C. who were responsible for the arrangement at Galle.

Our preparations for our visitors were rounded off just before they were due to arrive, for following the close of the Knock-Out and League Competitions we had been able to clinch their claims we had just before this in February, had to suffer a grievous loss through an accident to his leg at 'nets' met by our leading spin-bowler Geo-Pereira who had been largely responsible in bringing the Singhalese S. C. out as Champions of our League Tournament. It certainly left us in a ticklish position but as events proved later we managed to survive it.

I can vividly recall that period—just before the tour. As I've suggested we were all tense with expectation. We had good reason to know that our men had improved immeasurably, but never in our wildest dream did we fancy ourselves good enough to do more than give our visitors a

good game, here and there. We counted a lot in this direction on our natural wicket at the Oval. We had read and heard of the perfection of the Brabourne wicket, and we were hoping that the greater resilience of the Oval pitch would serve to bring the gods to earth, so to speak.

The question as to whether these hopes were realised or not, need not be considered here. But I think it will be sufficient for me to say that really all our men who figured in the three matches of big note on the Oval gave us every cause to be fully satisfied with what they did on behalf of Ceylon. They gave us fully to realise that they had developed their game on the lines enforced by the limitations of islands cricket. And that when brighter Cricket came again to be in vogue, they would have no call to prepare for it, seeing that they were already playing it

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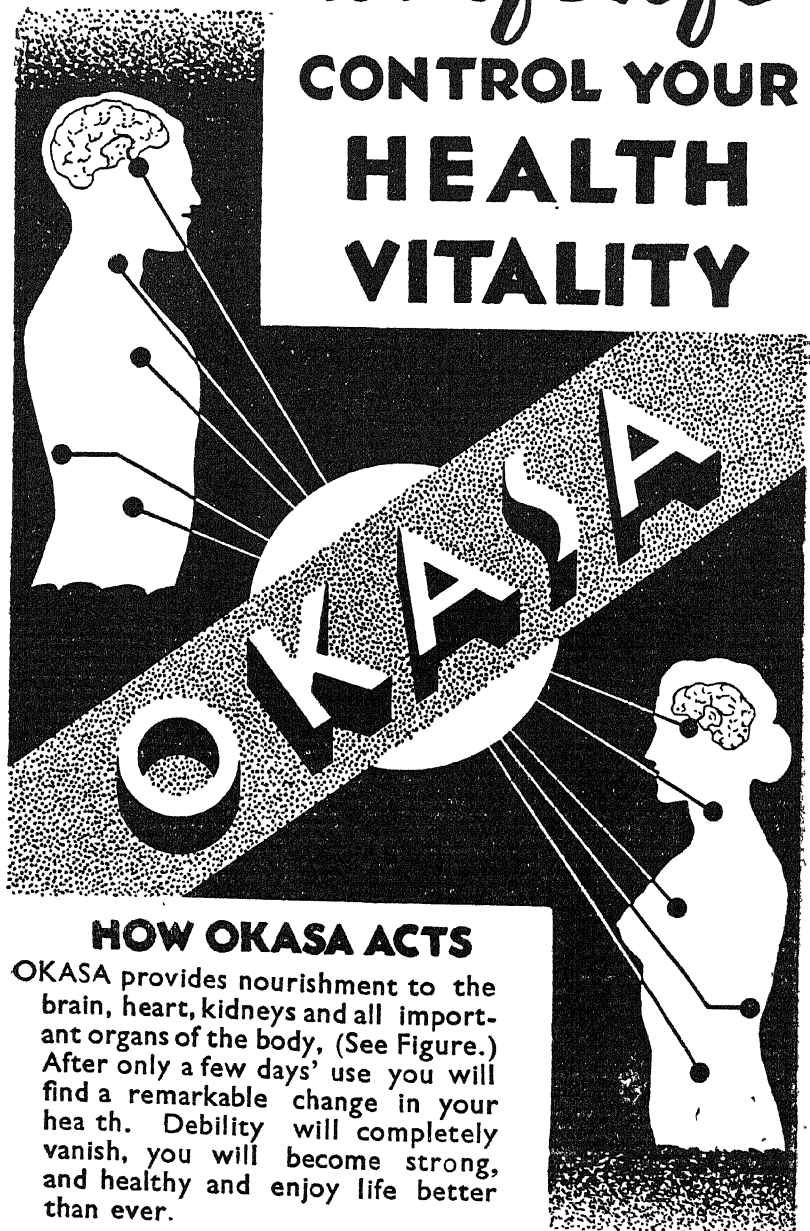
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## CHAPTER IV.

### CRICKET IN THE PUNJAB

ONLY the other day one of my friends accosted me at a tea party and putting an innocent face told me that the match was over at last.

To speak the truth I was surprised at these obscure remarks and was at a loss to guess to which particular match he referred to especially when the cricket season had long since been over.

“I mean the Second World War” was the laconic reply. I could not restrain my laughter at this similitude.

No doubt all the glorious uncertainties of cricket were exhibited in this war. The opponents, flushed with an initial good start, seemed to carry everything. but the last over of the ATOMIC BALLS, by the Allied bowler, miraculously turned the table on the Axis Eleven and irrecoverably routed them and the better side won at last.

Let us heave a sigh of relief at this abrupt end. This great match——if match we may call it——had sapped the energies of the participants to such an extent that other matches had to be sacrificed on its altar.

Cricket enthusiasm which remained virtually curbed during all these 6 years or so at last found an outlet in the match between the Australian Services XI and the Northern Zone. The lull in cricket activity preceding this match, was in fact the proverbial lull before the storm. The Province is again in the grip of cricket fever. The unprecedented surging crowds elbowing their way through the streets of Lahore some in twos and some in fours reached the Lawrence gardens to witness the match after a monotonous lapse of 6 years. Roughly speaking half a lakh cricket

fans watched the match. Hafiz and Imtiaz eclipsed their prototypes by scoring centuries against the tourists. These centuries have proved a stepping stone to them to climb to the zenith. Hafiz shot into prominence and justified his inclusion in the test matches also.

Northern Zone's fight with a battery of youngsters is symptomatic of an advanced standard. Even the All India XI (without casting aspersions on individual efficiency) failed to achieve what these promising cricketers have done. Rightly we can indulge in a sort of cheery optimism at this gratifying success.

Let me provide my readers with a bird eye-view of the progress that Punjab has made during war time at cricket.

No doubt Bombay and Punjab remained unperturbed from foreign onslaught, yet the cricket enthusiasts were baulked in their attempts due to circumstances beyond their control. The switching over to war industry by the Sialkot producers—the sole caterers of sports material; accommodation difficulties in trains coupled with withdrawing of all concessions by the Railways thereby restricting cricket tours to the barest minimum, a total stoppage of exchange of tours between India and foreign teams for no one can deny the benefits for accruing from such matches; requisitioning of majority of our grounds for military use (Minto Park to cite an example) resulting in benumbing of interest in net practices and a lot of other causes have militated against this kingly game and a game of kings.

But even amidst this turmoil of the war, our Province has kept the cricker spark alive. The Inter-College; University; Inter-Varsity and Ranji Trophy matches and the annual fixtures between the Governor's XI and the Punjab University and in fact other such scratch matches in Lahore have continued to be played uninterfered.

Military centres like Lahore, Rawalpindi, Ferozepur; Sialkot; and Jullundur have been fortunate enough to

-attract some good country cricketers, but cannot make amends for shortage of plethora of our really good cricketers who are out to boost war effort.

Now that the situation is gradually easing with the end of war we have every reason to be optimist that we will again see the Minto Park and other grounds become a favourite haunt for cricket fans and the grounds which were deserted again being honey-combed with practice nets.

Of all the games, cricket only claims to captivate the imagination of the public. We are producing a good number of cricketers every year. Cricketers here have developed such a mania that it dominates their other daily routines. It is a common knowledge that cricketers form company with cricketers. You will always hear two cricketers talking something of club politics, discussing threadbare the manoeuvres of his club to entice away the ace of the other. So much so that cricketers are found very often to use cricket vocabulary in their day to day life. How the underhand policy of a man is rightly called 'Googly' and how a man who does full justice to his stomach at a party is represented in sport as executing some fine fours and sixes.

It is a common knowledge how a gem is finally crystalised after undergoing the ordeals of so many stages. Similarly cricketer, if he has to astound the world, is to undergo as many ordeals.

The Mamdot and Crescent Clubs of Lahore, the two great coaching nurseries of cricket are mainly responsible for rocking the cradle of cricket in the Province and are contributing their quota in representative matches all over the country.

Invariably every season they pick up a promising cricketer. Then begin his coaching in right earnest and great serious attention is devoted to him. He is gradually reared.



up, pushed forward and boosted. Game is the be-all and the end-all for him. From home to the ground and back are his mechanical daily routines, for cricket, they say, is a sensitive maiden whose favour can be wooed, won and retained only by constancy. It brooks no divided attention. By the way the Punjab Government is also solicitous of the interest of cricketers. Only the other day holding of the Muslim League Conference at Minto Park was banned by the Government on the plea that the installation of dias etc. will deteriorate the grass. To revert to my subject I may say that a promising cricketer often times play matches even on working days. The credulous teachers have to be dodged, innocent parents have to be bluffed with seemingly believable pretexts, but when the cat is out of the bag, he is a target of severe ironical references from home. Then propaganda plays its predominant part. Flaws of the opponent's hero are magnified and those of their own connived at and then passions running high to the highest pitch in tournament matches. To speak the truth, a player reared and fostered in such an atmosphere, soon makes a mark in the world and gives such a display of his efficiency and walks into the All India side with such a bewildering rapidity that the country is simply wonder-struck.

Naturally of talents we have sufficient and to spare, and hence the existence of two Associations—Southern Punjab and N.I.C.A. Truly speaking there is no water-tight division of these two Associations in so far as the eligibility of the players to play is concerned. It is of common occurrence that a player is considered in all probability to represent one association, but at the eleventh hour you will find his name appearing in the other side.

Here a passing remark about our relative efficiency might provide some interest. Our batting is a blend of restraint and aggression. It has got a touch of elegance in style conspicuous by its absence in other Provinces. It is:

characteristic of Punjab batsmen that they can adapt themselves both to the matting and turf wicket though on the latter wicket they do not so much feel at home as on the former. But it is divorced of Bombay's patience. Amar Nath, Hafiz, Imtiaz, Nazar, Ram Perakash, Prithvi Raj, Mohd. Saeed, Gul Mohd. and I must say that world famous The Nawab of Pataudi who has just begun serious cricket are the true specimen of our batting.

Uptil recently we have had either very fast or medium fast bowlers with quite a lot of venom in their bowling, but since the M.C.C. tour in 1933 spin bowling has caught fancy. If I mistake not, we have as many as six such bowlers in the Province today. Amir Elahi, Agha Sarfraz, Inderjit, Amin, Qamar, Aslam are all first rate 'GOOGLIES.' In fast bowling, even the All India had to rely upon this Province. Khan Mohd, Manak, Nisar, Shahab Din, Nazir Ali, D. R. Puri and Ziaul Hassan would show down any batsman against their fiery deliveries.

But alas the game is not so much sponsored in the Punjab as Bombay. Hero worship, characteristic of Bombay public, is well nigh extinct though in the hey days of its glory we would have the same fervour and enthusiasm. We have been having ample patronage from Patiala through the undying love for the game by the present Ruler and his late illustrious father. We should move the Government to earmark some subsidy for the promotion of the game as a part of their Post War Reconstruction Scheme for it will provide the people an opportunity to recoup their health undermined during the strenuous years of the war.

I must now wind up the subject with a brief account of the Ranji Trophy matches.

In the first match the N.I.C.A. eliminated the D.D.C.A. with ridiculous ease. N.I.C.A. declared at 358 for 7 wickets. M.R. Bhide 124, Hafiz 68 and Saeed 56. The Delhi province collapsed for 52 and 86 respectively in both the innings.

In the second match, the N.I.C.A. were arrayed against its sister association—the Southern Punjab. The former scored 357 and 278 for 7 wickets declared. Ram Perakash and Aslam's 77 and 91 respectively in the first innings and Imtiaz 100 not out and Muni Lal's 87 in the second innings are worthy of mention. Southern Punjab scored 293 in the first and 92 in the second innings. Maqsood alone shone bright by scoring 144 in the first innings. He was spectacular on the off side.

In the semi final, the N.I.C.A. cut a sorry figure against the invulnerable Bombay side. Bombay piled up a gigantic score of 620. Modi 113 and U.M. Merchant 183 were the top scorers. N.I.C.A. fought well in the first innings and scored 363. Hafiz 145 and Bhude's 60 were conspicuous. In the 2nd innings the N.I.C.A. were out for 312. Nazar scored 86. The Bombay left with the easy task of 58 runs to win and scored the necessary runs without loss of any wicket.

We can account for this big difference of score between the Bombay and N.I.C.A. due to pitch variation. The Bombay wicket, they say is the truly Batsman's Paradise and render any bowling innocuous. Authorities on cricket advocate 50/50 advantage to the bowler and the batsman alike.

Let us see how our Province fares this year in the National competition. The Southern Punjab is optimist to come off with flying colours due to Nawab of Pataudi's inclusion, in their side.

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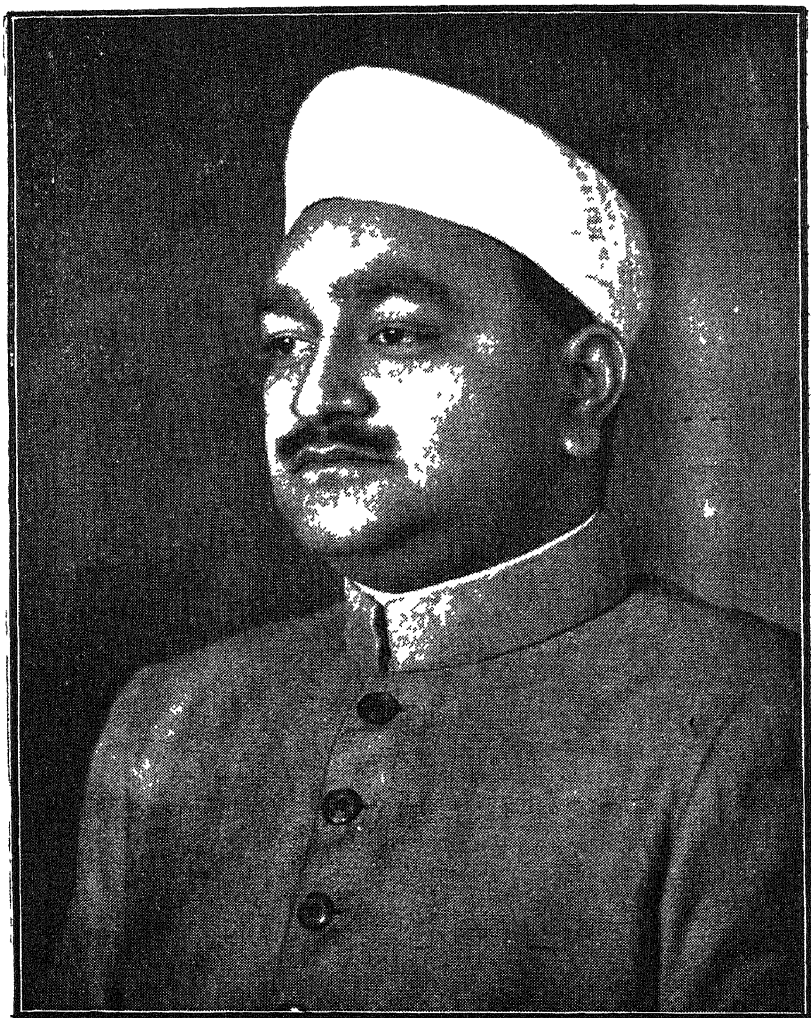
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## CHAPTER V.

### CRICKET IN MADRAS

Rich in excitement and class, the cricket season 1944-45 was one of the most memorable one in Madras, when she entered the semi-finals of the Ranji Trophy Championship for the fifth time in her career. H. E. the Governor's XI had the distinction of causing a flutter in All-India ranks when the Indian team on its way to Ceylon played its one and only match on Indian soil at Madras, and had to fight hard for sharing honours. Madras was more than compensated for the absence of the air of big cricket for the previous four years due to the war, with a full season when all the matches in the National Championship series were home fixtures. A. G. Ram Singh, C. R. Rangachari and later M. O. Srinivasan represented All India in the tour to Ceylon. In the Inter University match, she lost to Mysore. Apart from the big matches, the 1st division league cricket which had been consigned to cold storage, was happily resumed, and even if it had a checkered career on account of a wet November it nevertheless proved very interesting. The annual Presidency Match and a knock-out tournament on the 55 overs or all out basis for the 2nd division Clubs completed the programme. The Inter-Collegiate cricket tournament attracted ten entries, and the Pachiappa's College won the coveted Pennyquick trophy. There were other knock-out tournaments besides for the Colleges. The Chettinad Cup conducted by the Annamalai University and the Duncan Cup conducted by the Presidency College were annexed by the Engineering College, while Pachiappa's College were ran off with the Tarapore Trophy run by their own College, and the Ebdon Challenge Trophy conducted by the Andhra Medical College. The Hindu High School annexed the Inter-School Cricket Tournament.

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On the organisational side, the inauguration of the B. Subramaniam Memorial Nets in memory of the late Mr. B. Subramaniam, the "W. G. Grace of South Indian Cricket" constituted a commendable landmark in the history and progress of Madras cricket. The Association has put up a 4 winged Nets on matting pitches at the north-eastern corner of the M.C.C. grounds at Chepauk. These Nets were opened by our cricketing Governor, H. E. Sir Arthur Hope on the 20th October 1944. The object of the Nets is to meet a long felt want of Madras cricketers. The scheme is the first of its kind in India, and will not only provide systematic and regular practice to our leading players but will also impart coaching and training to youngsters with the help of experienced cricketers and later on with professional coaches. The attendance at the Nets was very good. The slip catching machine presented by Dr. V.N.C. Rao was a great attraction. Messrs. C. P. Johnstone, H. P. Ward, G. Parthasarathy and A. G. Ram Singh very kindly helped with the coaching of players. An intensive scheme to coach and train young School and College players has been drawn up by the energetic Secretary for the Nets Mr. V. Patrabhraman, who along with Mr. S. K. Gurnathan was largely responsible for the inauguration of the Nets scheme. No fee is levied for net practice, and the Madras Cricket Association supplies free cricket equipment to all players. The scheme has a bright future, and will no doubt satisfy the achievement of the very object which the late Mr. B. Subramaniam had very much at heart, namely, the fostering of cricket among the young and poor, and thereby raising the standard of our cricket.

In spite of all these facilities, it is very regrettable that our cricket has proceeded to a certain limit and has gone no further. The Association has always tried its best to unearth potential new talent, and has met with only a very small success. Madras had to depend on the good old Gopalan, Ram Singh, Johnstone and Rangachari. Except these, no newcomer is ever "coming" and "staying" at the



top with the possible exception of A. Ananthanarayanan who following his feat in the previous year of a 100 each in the Inter Provincial and Inter-Varsity matches, only to disappoint in the subsequent matches, especially in the 1945-46 season. Our youngsters refuse to grasp the opportunities before them for developing the game, and seem to think that the earning of the provincial cap is the be-all and end-all of their cricketing career. They gave flattering performances at the early stages only to deceive as far as the fundamental measure of consistency is concerned. The notable point about all this is that without so many chances for competitive games and regular practice facilities, the older generation built up a great tradition, but the richness of their talent went to waste unsung so far as the All India honours were concerned. Our youngsters should take to the game with greater zest and keenness and remember that it is hard work and perseverance that will earn him reward. Cricket is a hard task-master, permitting few liberties to be taken.

### **Ranji-Trophy.**

Madras beat Hyderabad in the 1st round of the series by 53 runs. Madras scored 188 runs in the first knock, Gopalan hitting up a brilliant 55 and Robinson 43. The honours of the first day's play went to Ghulam Ahmed of Hyderabad who took 7 wickets for 64 runs. Hyderabad took a lead of 4 runs over Madras Jagadishlal and Aibara playing sparkling cricket to score 54 and 47 runs respectively. Rangachari took 5 wickets and Ramsingh 4 wickets. The fielding was very good. In the second innings Madras made 233 runs thanks to a Captain's innings by Johnstone who made 86 runs. Somehow the three figures in this series has always eluded our Captain on own wicket on every occasions. Ghulam Ahmed had another good day with the ball, taking 5 wickets for 85 runs. Hyderabad had to make 230 runs with a whole day before them. They began shakily, but Durga Prasad and Asghar Ali stemmed the rot and looked like winning the match themselves. But again the fortunes

of the game changed, and the Madras bowlers especially Ram Singh, the clever left-hander, claimed the upper hand. Ashgar Ali made a crisp 55, playing fine cricket making strokes all round the wicket. Here was another cricketer apart from Ghulam Ahmed who showed glimpse of a great promise for the future. The closing stages of the match was very exciting, and the last wicket fell 20 minutes before the time. Bharat Chand played a fighting innings for his 29 and was 9th out. Ram Singh took 5 wickets for 46 runs. The fielding of Madras was superb, and both Richardson and Robinson won repeated applause for their brilliant ground work. Rangachari took two fine catches. Hyderabad lost the match by 53 runs.

Thanks to a dour but nevertheless invaluable 124 not out by Ananthanarayanan and a flashy innings of 63 runs by Ren Nailer and 55 by Gopalan, who put on 117 runs for the 6th wicket with the century maker, Madras made 363 runs, which incidentally was the highest total piled up by Madras in the series, and inflicted an innings defeat on Mysore who scored 78 and 159 in the zone finals of the National Championship. P.E. Palia, the Mysore skipper, hit up a care-free 74 runs in the second innings. Rangachari had a fine day with the leather, taking 9 wickets in the match and Ram Singh made up for his batting failure by taking 8 wickets. Gopalan with his all round performance (3 wickets for 10 runs and 55 runs in batting) showed that he has not lost any of his prowess yet. For Mysore, Palia bowled best taking 5 wickets for 73 runs in 67 overs, which was more than double the number of overs bowled by any player in the entire match. By beating Mysore, Madras won the M.D. Soundarajan Trophy awarded by the Madras Cricket Association to the winners of the South zone in the Inter-Provincial Tournament.

Madras met Holkar in the semi-final proper and after 3 days of glorious cricket, with Dennis Compton, the English Test Cricketer hitting up 81, Sarvate 74, and good old C.K. 52, followed by the younger Nayudu's 44, the visitors who

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totalled 403 runs, beat us by 10 wickets, an innings defeat just being avoided. For Madras, our skipper, Johnstone again played a great game for his 64 and 38 while Ramsingh displayed unwanted aggression to score 34 and 27 runs. Gopalan made 33 and 23, and "TED" Richardson 44. The bowling honours went to Sarvate who bagged 13 wickets in the match at a cost of 11.5 runs apiece. Rangachari in the home attack was again in fine form with the ball taking 7 wickets for 110 runs. Our ground fielding was patchy, and easy catches were dropped. Gopalan incidentally completed his 1000 runs in the Ranji-trophy matches.

### **All-India XI in Madras.**

The resume of the season will be incomplete without a reference to the match between the Indian team touring Ceylon and H.E. the Governor's XI. There were a number of good performances in this match but everything else paled into insignificance before the superb and magnificent innings of Lala Amarnath who following a 77 in the 1st knock, hit up a century before lunch. This century will rank as one of the best played on the Chepauk wicket. Amarnath's century will be best described by a reference by our President-Skipper, C.P. Johnstone, who later, at an after dinner speech, said, "India were in a bad position with 6 wickets down for 94 runs. And then came a great player, and he played a great innings. And that player was Amarnath" (Cheers). Amarnath was both brilliant and sound, in contrast to Mushtaq who was only brilliant, and Merchant who was all soundness. Modi made 38 but he impressed everyone. Mankad scored 70, and Mushtaq 54, and C.S. laid the wood hard making 53. The Governor's XI comprising of South Zone players, made 221 runs in the 1st innings. A.G. Ramsingh also amply justified his selection for India, with a brilliant 60 runs, while Gopalan made 46 and Asghar Ali scored 36. India in the 2nd innings were 94 for 6, but Amarnath and Vijay put on 125 runs for the seventh wicket in 83 minutes and turned the tables. The home team scored 196 for 6 in the 2nd knock, Palia contributing a

grand 68, Johnstone 35 and Gopalan 25 not out. Ghulam Ahmed bowled splendidly in the second innings and many wondered why he was not chosen for the Indian team. The match was drawn.

### **Inter-University.**

This match was played at Bangalore, and Mysore beat Madras by 5 wickets. Madras have themselves to blame for this catastrophe. Lapses in the field and impatient batting told their own stories, and a much better all round side lost the match. Hearty congratulations to the younger team who did so well. Ali Hussain and Ananthanarayanan helped Madras to put up a moderate total of 209 runs in the 1st innings. The batting collapse in the Madras side was due to the brilliant and steady bowling of Krishnamurthi and Chandrasekhar who each took 4 wickets. Ali Hussain made 62 and the skipper Ananth 29. Two fine associations 121 for the 4th wicket between Vittal Rao and Narayanaiyengar and 114 for the 7th between Rama Rao their Captain and A.K.S. Naidu put the home team on the lead by 98 runs. Narayanaiyengar showed good judgment in scoring 76 runs. He has a great future before him. Naidu batted vigorously for his 71. Rama Rao's 56 was well hit. Asaf Ali bowled splendidly to bag 6 wickets for 94 runs. Ali Hussain played another good innings of 61 runs and with Sydney who made 49 runs he put on 97 runs for the second wicket. P.D'Souza (43) and V. Aruldas (31) and K. Krishnaswami (30) played well. In an unfinished association of 74 runs for the 6th wicket Rama Rao and Narayanaiyengar won the match for Mysore. P.D'Souza kept wickets ably for Madras.

### **Presidency Match.**

This annual match played between the Indians and the Europeans at Chepauk during the X'mas week, was won by the Europeans by 8 wickets. Indians made 140 and 249 while the Europeans who had a lead of 156 runs in the 1st innings, knocked off the balance for the loss of 2 wickets. C.P., the Captain of the Europeans, touched his best form.

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making 60 runs in each innings. M. Robinson was unlucky to be out 13 runs short of his century. Poor chap, he was run out. Robinson also had a good day with the ball, his slows getting 7 wickets for 71 runs. Srinivasan behind the wickets for the Indians was quite steady. The Europeans deservedly won the match and this was their 7th victory in the series, the Indians having won 13 times, 7 matches being drawn. The A.R.P. have presented a very handsome Trophy for the winners of the Presidency match and the credit of winning it for the first time went to the Europeans.

### **The League Championship.**

The League for the Paliampatti Shield attracted 9 entries. Sounder Cricket Club deservedly won the Championship. They were, no doubt, the best all round side. Of the 8 matches played they won all but one losing to Triplicane C.C., when their batting utterly failed against the last attack of C.R. Rangachari. Ram Singh who captained the team and Parankusam bowled splendidly for them. Ram Singh wherever he plays, is a tower of strength. In batting, Srinivasan, T. Ramchandran, Alva and Ananthanarayanan played well though the latter did not come up to expectations. Kannan was a fine all rounder and his fielding was very good. Srinivasan was very reliable behind the sticks. The Egmore Recreation Club, who were a promoted side made an excellent debut, and came second in the table. They were a young side, mostly College boys, who played regularly for the 'Varsity Occasionals, a team founded and promoted by Mr. V. Pattabhiraman. Sydney, Mardi, E.C. Philip, E. F. Harbem, their skipper and V. Aruldas batted very well. Sydney scored a century against the Anglo-Indians. Aruldas, Seshagiri Rao and Choudry did the bulk of the bowling, and P.D'Souza and Vasudevan kept wickets ably. With experience, the team is bound to do very well next season. The M. & S. M. Ry. had a heavy batting side but what they lacked was match winning bowlers. Suri who made more than 500 runs in league cricket was their best bat. C. K. Nainakanoo played many fine innings. The



Nungambakkam lived up to their reputations as giant killers and among their wins, was one over the Triplicane C.C. Mardi is their best player, and he needs a fatherly eye on him for his progress. Govinda Rao's all round ability proved invaluable to his side and Kalyan was another player who did well.

The Triplicane C.C. may have fallen from their premier position (for they won the league 5 times which is a record), but whenever Gopalan and Rangachari struck form, they always won. It was their weakness in batting that prevented them from winning more matches. However, C.V. Krishnaswami and T. Srinivasaraghavan batted usefully, while the former kept wickets ably. Like the T.C.C., the Mylapore Recreation Club have lost their stand in league cricket, which proves two things, first that they should discover new talent and fill up gaps, and second that the standard of cricket in other Clubs is going up. G. Parthasarathy bowled and batted superbly on more than one occasion, but apart from him, there was either no bowler or sound batsman in his team. A.R. Srinivasan was the best player in the Mylapore Club's second XI, R. George was the most successful run-getter for the Anglo-Indians, and it was creditable for him to score a century against the strong Triplicane C.C. Apart from some good batting by M.S. Gopal and M. Rajagopal, the Corporation Sports Club would have suffered much worse. R. George of the Anglo-Indians headed the league averages in batting while P.S. Ramchandran topped in bowling.

### **Our Visitors**

The Ceylon Law College visited Madras during December, and played 4 matches, losing 2 and drawing 2. Hector Periera was their best batsman and he made a century against Madras Law College. He later secured greater honours in Ceylon. Samarasinghe was the team's best bowler. The visitors lost to the University XI and the 'Varsity Occasionals and drew with the Madras Law College and Madras United Club.

The Ceylon Commerce and Industries Cricket team played 2 matches in Madras in January and lost one and drew the other. DeSouza was their best bat. The team lost to Sounder Cricket Club and drew with the 'Varsity Occasionals.

The Police Training School, Vellore, played 2 matches in March, losing to the 'Varsity Occasionals and beating the Eccentrics Cricket Club in the Annual 'Duck' match.

### **Inter-Collegiate League**

The Inter-Collegiate Championship attracted 10 entries, and Pachappa's College won the trophy for the 1st time in their career. They deserved this triumph. Shanmugam, their Captain, Ananthanarayanan, Devaraj were their successful batsmen, while Seshagiri Rao was their best bowler. Rajan behind the wickets was very steady. Engineering came second in the league, and for their success they are indebted largely to Aruldas and Alva their best all-rounders. Presidency College had a young side and should have done better than winning 4 matches. Krishnaswami and Vasudevan were their best batsmen. Sulaiman was the best bowler. Loyola and Medical College were very unlucky not to win more matches. Mardi, Loyola skipper had another bright season. Harben, captain of Medical, was the most polished batsman, and Shetty the most successful bowler. On paper, Madras Christians were the strongest side, but they won only 2 games. Alaganan, Sydney, Kannairam, Keir and Wilson were their chief run-getters, while E.L. Philip and Keir were the match winning bowlers. Law, Stanley Medical and Veterinary disappointed completely. The Inter-Collegiate Championship has revealed many a fine and promising cricketer. Given the right type of coaching and training, these players should do very well in the seasons to come. May the Fates smile on the College cricketers of 1945-46.

### **De La Hey Cup Tourney.**

This tournament conducted by the Madras Cricket Association for 2nd division league Clubs on knock-out

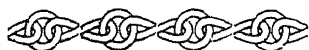
basis attracted 16 entries. The basis of a win in this competition is batting for 55 overs or all out, and the side making most runs declared winners. The winners of this Cup get promoted to the 1st division league next season. The Royapettah, Y.M.C.A. won the coveted trophy beating Souther "B" in the finals. N. Ramachandran by his brilliant all-round performances in match after match, paved the way for Y.M.C.A. to win the trophy.

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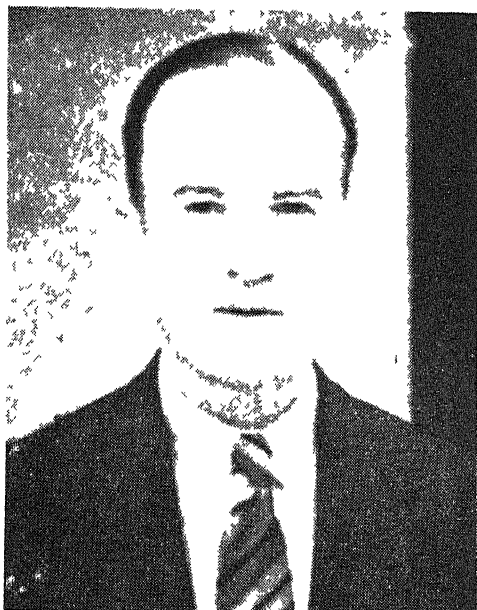
Madras Cricket has lost 4 brilliant cricketers this year. The greatest of them all was R.B. Carrick, who played cricket for the Madras Cricket Club, and was the hero of several matches in the Presidency Match series. He was a great hitter and a lionhearted bowler. Above all, a perfect gentleman. M.C. Karthikeyan and P. Shivanesan of the M. & S. M. Railway died very young and in harness. The former was the most popular of cricketing chiefs and he was a great all rounder himself. He played once in the Ranji Trophy series. M.J. Harben, aged 28, was another cricketer who died young. He had a brilliant career and he played cricket for the Junior teams in representative cricket, as also for the Anglo-Indians, Egmore Recreation Club and the 'Varsity Occasionals. May their Souls rest in peace.

So much for the season that has gone by. And now for the present and the future. Already some excellent performances have been recorded, and given fine weather and encouragement, I look to some fine cricket in the next season. The new season has opened; the first games have been played. Have high hopes been justified or were they possibly set too high? The great question is being answered one way or another everywhere now; nor does the question mainly matter. What matters most is that the games, win or lose, should be good games, well worth playing and having been played, well worthy of remembrance. And as to the future of Madras Cricket, I join with the old song writer, in search of the silver lining. It can be found,

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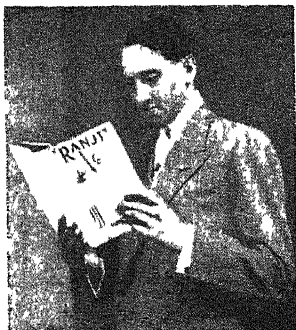




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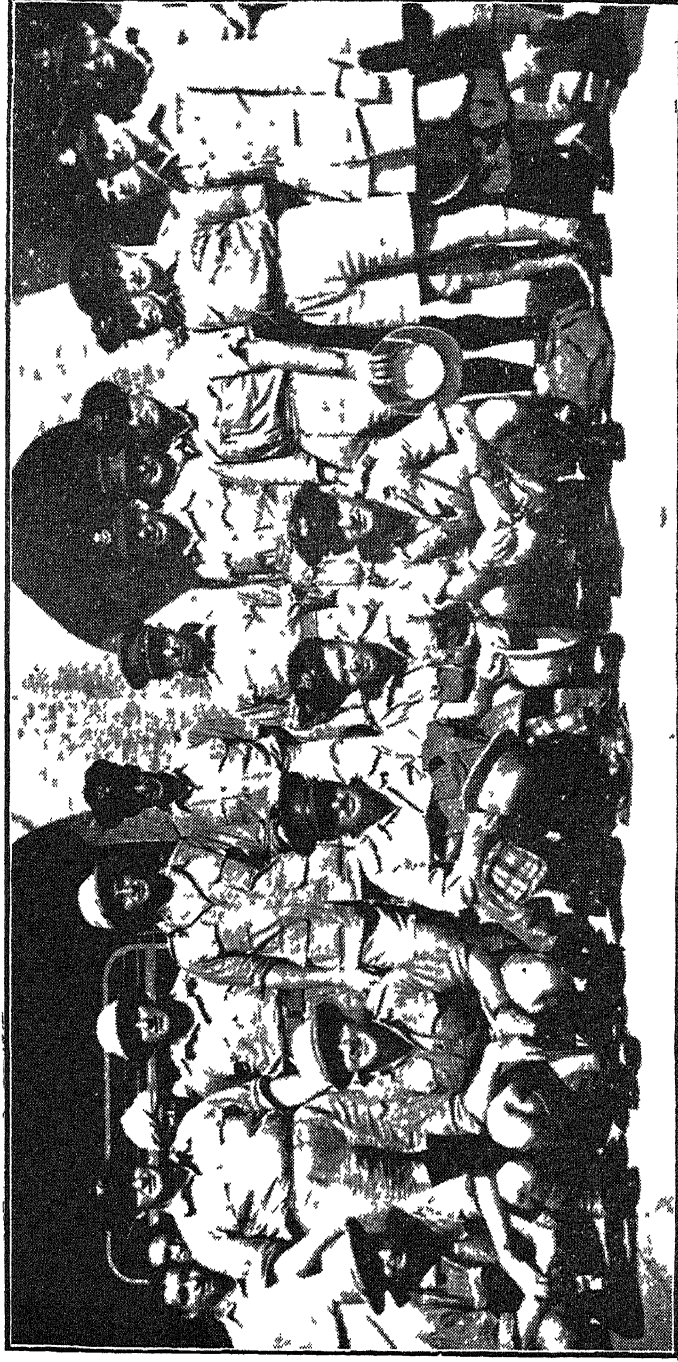


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## The Australian Tourists of 1945.



The Australian Services Cricket Team which toured India in 1945 is seen here in their Military Uniform.

## CHAPTER VI.

### AUSTRALIAN SERVICES TEAM VISIT TO INDIA.

The Australian Services Cricket team after having a successful Cricket Season in England, arrived in Bombay on 22nd, October, 1945 and were met on board by K. S. Duleepsinghji, Secretary of the Cricket Club of India and Mr. A. A. Jasdenwala, President of the Islam Gymkhana, Bombay.

Mr. Jasdenwala said "I feel honoured to have been asked to welcome you to India by the President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, who due to unforeseen circumstances is unable to be here to day". I need not say how very much we appreciate your gesture in honouring us with this visit particularly when all of you must be anxious to get back home. I sincerely hope this visit will be the forerunner of regular tours between the two countries and help to bring our countries closer and together in all spheres of life. Indian Cricketers all over the country are looking forward to see you in action and learn from you the finer points of the game to which your Countrymen have already contributed so much. In spite of the exigencies of Wartime restrictions and controls we shall endeavour to do our best to make your stay pleasant and comfortable and I hope you will be able to take the happiest recollections of your short stay in our Country. In reply F/Lt. Keith Johnson, the Manager of the Australian Services Team who is also a member of the Australian Board of Control, said "We take it as a great honour to be the first official Australian team to visit this Country". He said that Ryder's team that toured India in 1936 was not really an official team, though it had the blessing of the Australian Board of Control, therefore, the present team was the first official Australian team to visit India. He hoped that this would be the forerunner of a series of exchange of visits



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between the two Countries and that as a result the "bit of water" that separated them would be bridged. F/Lt. Johnson and W/O Hassett both said that the Australians had always taken a great interest in Indian Cricket. They had the highest opinion of "The late Ranji" who had played for England against Australian and Duleep and Pataudi were the other two most popular players who ever visited their Country. Speaking of the possibility of an Indian side going to Australia, F/Lt. Johnson said that these visits should be well "spaced". An English team will be visiting Australia in 1946 which was quite opportune—an Australian team would go to England probably the following year.

W/O Hassett said that from what they had seen during the Victory Tests, English Cricket had not yet had time to reach its peace-time standard. Some of the new players who played against him were very young and lacked big match temperament. It would not take English Cricket long, however to get into strides. One County Season would suffice to bring English Cricket to its old level. Speaking of matting wickets, W/O Hassett, said that Australian Cricketers were used to playing on Matting Wickets—with a concrete Base. These are very fast and true and are useful in giving the beginners the confidence that is invaluable when he starts playing the game. The matting wickets have the advantage of producing confidence among beginners in facing fast bowling. F/Lt. Johnson thought it would not be a bad idea if matting wickets were tried in England, especially where there was much rain.

Speaking of professionalism, F/Lt. Johnson said that Australian Cricket was built on Saturday afternoon play only. There was thus no professionalism out there. Batsman like Hassett, for instance, would be lucky if they got as many 40 innings in the whole season. He could not therefore speak of the benefit or otherwise of professionalism in Cricket, but as it was, in Australia, players graduated

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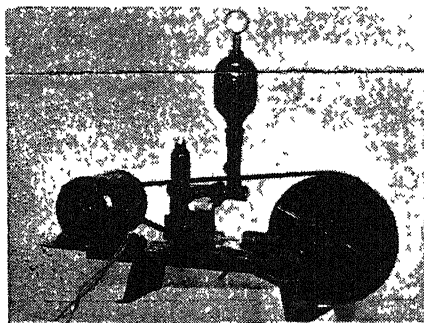
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During their short tour of 12 weeks in India the Australians played in all Nine Matches, out of which they won only one match against the South Zone team at Madras. Six matches were drawn, and two were lost, i.e., one against the East Zone XI at Calcutta and the other against all-India, the 3rd test at Madras. W/O Hassett the Captain of the Australian Team topped the batting averages by scoring 864 runs in 11 innings with an average of 86.40. and D K. Carmody was second with 592 runs with an average of 53.23.

A complete account of batting and bowling averages with details of scores is given below.

### NORTH ZONE XI Vs. THE AUSTRALIAN XI.

Played at:—Lawrence Gardens, Lahore on 28, 29 & 30 October, 1945.

Captains :—Dr. Jehangir Khan (North Zone XI).

A. L. Hassett (The Australian XI).

Results :—Draw in favour of North Zone XI)

### SCORE BOARD.

NORTH ZONE—(1st Innings)		NORTH ZONE—(2 Innings).	
Nazar Mohammad c Sismey b		Munilal st. Sismey b Pettiford..	10
Roper	11	Nazar Mohammad lbw Pepper..	12
Munilal run out	8	M. Saeed c Miller b Pepper ...	4
Mohammad Saeed c Miller b		Rai Singh c Sismey b Pepper...	15
Cristofani	30	A. Hafeez c Pepper b Pettiford	5
Ram Prakash c and b Cristofani	14	Ram Prakash not out	34
Rai Singh lbw b Cristofani	0	Maqsood lbw Pepper	5
A. Hafeez c Hassett b Pepper	173	Imtiaz b Pepper	8
Maqsood lbw b Cristofani	5	Jehangir Khan not out	0
Imtiaz not out	138		
Jehangir Khan c Roper b			
Pettiford	6		
Indrajit lbw b Ellia	0	Extra	10
Chunilal b Pettiford	19		
Extras	6		
Total	410	Total (for seven wkts)	103

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O	M	R	W
Miller	11	1	29	0
Roper	60	4	15	1
Pepper	41	0	125	1
Cristofani	20	3	58	4
Ellis	30	8	61	1
Pettiford	26	1	101	2
Whittington	3	0	15	0

## AUSTRALIANS—(1st Innings)

Whittington c Munilal	b	
Jehangir Khan	...	21
Carmody b Jehangir Khan	...	25
Hassett b Chumilal	...	73
Pettiford c Imtiaz b A. Hafeez	...	20
Pepper c Jehangir Khan	b	
Hafeez	...	77
Stanford c Nazar b Hafeez	...	24
Miller b Inderjit	...	46
Sismey c Jehangir Khan b Hafeez	...	2
Cristofani b Hafeez	...	46
Roper c Hafeez b Inderjit	...	7
Ellis not out	...	2
Extra	..	8
Total	...	351

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Chumilal	28	10	60	1
Abdul Hafeez	48	12	115	5
Inderjit	28.1	4	112	2
Jehangir Khan	21	2	55	2
Mohammad Saeed	1	0	1	0

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O	M	R	W
Pettiford	17	3	45	1
Pepper	23	11	45	5
Ellis	7	5	3	0

**Australians did not bat  
in their second innings.**

**PRINCES XI Vs. THE AUSTRALIAN XI**

Played at:—The Willingdon Pavilion, New Delhi, on  
1, 2 & 3rd November, 1945.

Captain:—H. H. the Maharaja of Patiala (Princes XI).

A. L. Hassett (Australian XI).

Result:—Draw in favour of the Australian XI.

**SCORE BOARD**

## AUSTRALIANS—(1st Innings).

Carmody b C. S. Nayudu	...	11
Workman c Bhandarkar	b	
Mushtaq Ali	...	9
Whittington c Bhandarkar	b	
C. S. Nayudu	...	3
Hassett c C. S. Nayudu b Amir	...	178
Elahi	...	18
Miller b C. S. Nayudu	...	40
Pettiford c and b Amir Elahi	...	100
Williams not out	...	33
Price c and b C. S. Nayudu	...	6
Roper run not	...	11
Extras	...	11

Total (for 8 wickets decl.) ... 423

## AUSTRALIANS—(2nd Innings).

Workman lbw b Gul Mohd.	...	0
Carmody c C. K. Nayudu b	...	58
Amir Elahi	...	46
Whittington c Hazare b C. S.	...	124
Nayudu	...	35
Hassett not out	...	27
Miller c and b C. S. Nayudu	...	9
Pettiford c Bhandarkar b Amir	...	10
Elahi	...	
William not out	...	
Extras	...	

Total (for five wickets) ... 304

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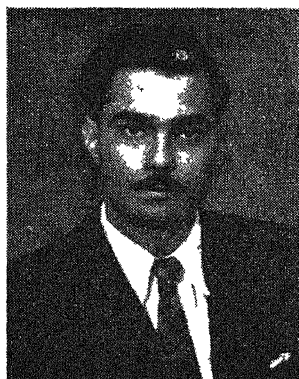
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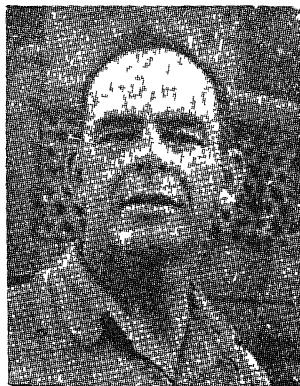
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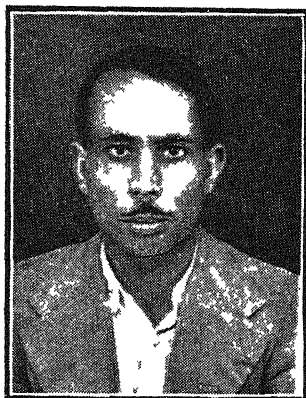
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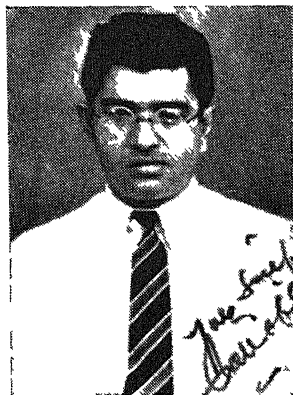
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## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O	M	R	W
Amar Nath ...	13	1	32	0
Hazare ...	7	1	17	0
C. S. Nayudu ...	23	0	138	4
Mushtaq Ali ...	14	2	50	1
Amir Elahi ...	28	3	122	2
C. K. Nayudu ...	4	0	28	0
Gul Mohammad ..	4	0	20	0

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O	M	R	W
Amar Nath ...	7	4	8	0
Gul Mohammad ..	9	3	20	1
C. S. Nayudu ...	26	0	138	2
Amir Elahi ...	21	1	87	2
Mushtaq Ali ...	5	0	26	0
C. K. Nayudu ...	5	10	5	0

## PRINCES XI—(1st Innings)

C. S. Nayudu lbw b Roper ...	6
C. V. Bhandarkar c Whittington b Williams ..	0
Mushtaq Ali c Williams b Miller	108
Amar Nath b Miller ..	163
Hazare c Bremner b Ellis	28
C. K. Nayudu b Pettiford ..	14
Maharaja of Patiala b Roper ...	4
Gul Mond. st Bremner b Ellis ..	7
Rai Singh not out	40
Manavadar c Whittington b Ellis	0
Amir Elahi b Ellis ..	15
Extras ..	16
Total ..	401

**Princes did not bat in  
their second innings.**

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O	M	R	W
Roper ...	18	3	53	2
Williams ...	6	0	24	1
Miller ...	18	4	58	2
Ellis ...	35	3	90	4
Pettiford ...	22	3	95	1
Price	16	0	62	0

## WEST ZONE XI Vs. THE AUSTRALIAN XI.

Played at :—The Brabourne Stadium, Bombay on 6, 7  
& 8 November, 1945.

Captain :—V. M. Merchant (West Zone XI).  
K. R. Miller (The Australian XI).

Results :—Draw in favour of West Zone XI.

## SCORE BOARD.

AUSTRALIANS—(1st Innings)		Australians—1st Innings—(contd).	
R. S. Whittington c and b		J. Pettiford c Chandorkar b	
Mankad ...	23	Sohoni ...	30
D. K. Carmody c Elahi b		C. F. T. Price c Mody b Amir	
Mankad ...	43	Elahi ...	55
J. Workman b Tarapore ..	33	S. G. Sismey st Chandorkar b	
R. M. Stanford b Elahi ...	17	Mankad ...	11
K. R. Miller c Mody b Amir		R. S. Ellis not out	1
Elahi ...	106	Extras ..	17
C. G. Pepper st Chandorkar b		Total ..	363
Elahi ...	16		
E. A. Williams b Tarapore ...	10		



## AUSTRALIANS—(2nd innings)

Whittington not out	...	40
Carmody b Tarapore	...	41
Workman b Amir Elahi	...	2
Williams not out	...	1
Extras	...	4
Total (for 2 wkts)	...	88

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Hazare	...	5	0	23
Sohoni	...	3	1	23
Modi	...	5	0	18
Phadkar	...	2	0	4
Tarapore	...	6	2	6
Merchant	...	1	0	4
Amir Elahi	...	3	0	6

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
D. G. Phadkar	...	10	2	37
S. W. Sohoni	...	22	5	57
R. S. Modi	...	3	0	6
V. S. Hazare	...	16	2	46
V. Mankad	...	27	4	65
K. K. Tarapore	...	26	6	47
Amir Elahi	...	27	4	87

## WEST ZONE—(1st Innings)

V. M. Merchant lbw b Pepper	77
Mankad c Whittington b Williams	...
R. S. Modi c Whittington b Ellis	...
V. S. Hazare c sub b Ellis	...
G. Kishenchand b Miller	...
Gul Mohammed c Pepper b Ellis	...
D. G. Phadkar not out	...
S. W. Sohoni c Workman b Pettiford	...
R. R. Chandorkar lbw b Pepper	...
Amir Elahi b Ellis	...
Tarapore not out	...
Extras	...
Total (for 9 wkts dec)	...

**West Zone did not bat in their Second Innings.**

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Miller	...	15	5	30
Williams	...	19	2	49
Carmody	...	2	0	6
Pepper	...	45	5	166
Ellis	...	36	6	113
Pettiford	...	19	2	61
Price	...	15	2	48
Whittington	...	2	1	5

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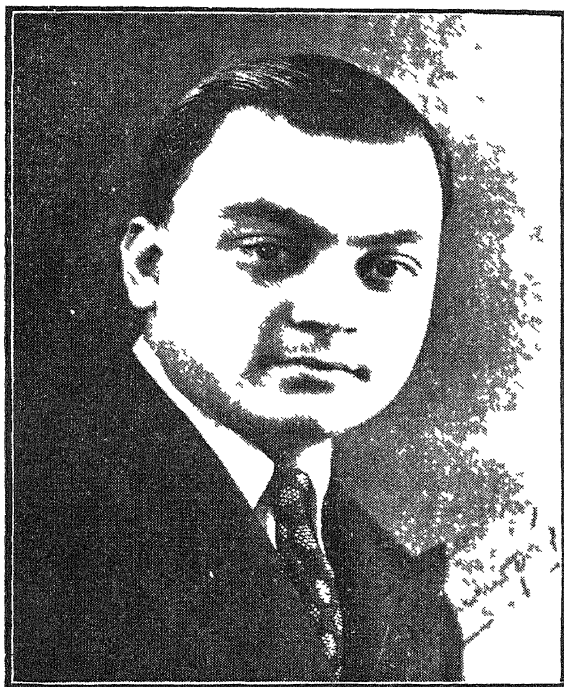
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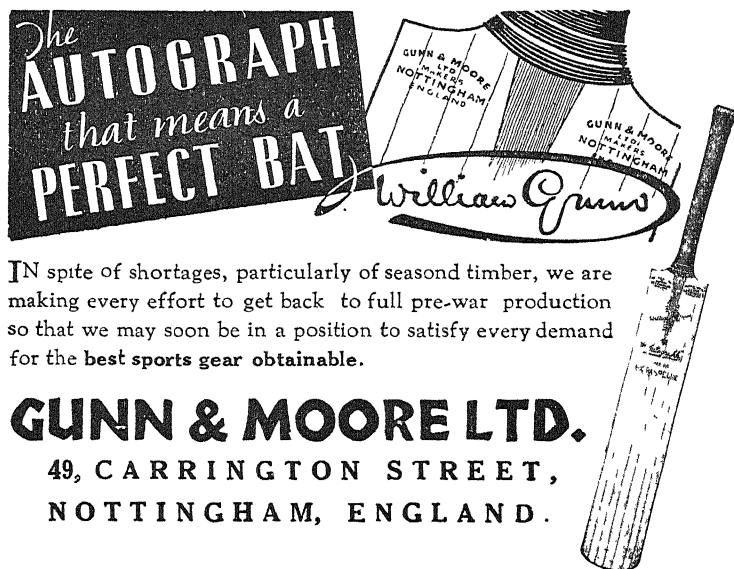
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# **FIRST TEST MATCH.**

## **THE INDIAN XI Vs. THE AUSTRALIAN XI.**

Played at :—The Brabourne Stadium, Bombay, on 10, 11, 12 & 13 November, 1945.

Captains :—V. M. Merchant (The Indian XI).  
A. L. Hassett (The Australian XI).

Results :—Draw in favour of the Australians.

### **SCORE BOARD.**

AUSTRALIANS—(1st Innings)		INDIAN XI—(1st Innings)	
R. S. Whittington c Amar Nath b Hazare	...	V. M. Merchant c Pepper b Ellis	...
D. K. Carmody b Hazare	113	V. Mankad c Pepper b Ellis	36
J. Pettiford c Merchant b Amir Elahi	124	L. Amar Nath c Price b Williams	64
A. L. Hassett lbw b C. S. Nayudu	53	V. S. Hazare b Williams	75
K. R. Miller lbw b C. S. Nayudu	1	R. S. Modi c Sismey b Miller	36
C. G. Pepper c Mankad b Hazare	95	A. Hafeez c Whittington b Price	34
E. A. Williams b C. S. Nayudu	4	Kishenchand c Sismey b Price	24
J. Workman D Hazare	76	Gul Mohd. c Pettiford b Pepper	34
C. F. T. Price lbw b Hazare	12	C. S. Nayudu run out	0
S. G. Sismey c Hazare b Amir Elahi	11	Amir Elahi b Pepper	0
S. Ellis not out	19	Srinivasan not out	0
Extras	28	Extras	9
Total	531	Total	339

### **BOWLING ANALYSIS**

	O	M	R	W
V. S. Hazare	40	9	109	5
L. Amar Nath	22	7	34	0
A. Hafeez	8	0	24	0
C. S. Nayudu	48	7	141	3
V. Mankad	23	3	53	0
Amir Elahi	34.1	2	138	2
Gul Mohammed	2	1	4	0

AUSTRALIANS—(2nd Innings).			
K. R. Miller not out	...	15	
A. L. Hassett b Hazare	...	11	
C. G. Pepper not out	...	4	

Extras ... 1  
Total (for one wicket) ... 31

### **BOWLING ANALYSIS**

	O	M	R	W
K. R. Miller	20	5	54	1
E. A. Williams	39	7	61	2
C. G. Pepper	36.1	2	96	2
R. S. Ellis	33	2	91	2
C. F. T. Price	9	3	28	2

INDIAN XI—(2nd Innings)			
V. M. Merchant lbw b Pepper	...	63	
V. Mankad c sub b Ellis	...	27	
L. Amar Nath c sub b Pettiford	...	50	
V. S. Hazare b Pepper	...	23	
R. S. Modi st Sismey b Price	...	26	
Abdul Hafeez b Miller	...	9	
Kishenchand b Pepper	...	1	
Gul Mohad c and b Price	...	48	
C. S. Nayudu c Hassett b Williams	...	8	
Amir Elahi b Price	...	32	
M. O. Srinivasan not out	...	4	
Extras	...	7	

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## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O	M	R	W
Miller	... 11	4	23	1
Williams	... 10	4	22	1
Pepper	... 31	7	90	3
Ellis	... 17	2	70	1
Price	... 19.2	4	54	3
Pettiford	... 11	3	31	1
Hassett	... 1	0	5	0

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
V. S. Hazare	... 3	0	17	1
L. Amar Nath	... 3	0	13	0

## EAST ZONE XI Vs. THE AUSTRALIAN XI.

Played at :—Eden Gardens, Calcutta, on 21, 22 and 23rd November, 1945.

Captains :—Col. C. K. Nayudu (East Zone XI)  
A. L. Hassett (The Australian XI).

Results :—East Zone won by four runs and 2 wickets.

## SCORE BOARD.

## AUSTRALIANS—1st innings.

R.S. Whittington c & b Banerjee	8
J. Workman c and b C. S. Nayudu	23
J. Pettiford b Chaudhuri	9
A. L. Hassett c Mushtaq Ali b Chaudhuri	23
K. R. Miller st Parthasarathi b Sarawate	17
C. G. Pepper b C. S. Nayudu	0
D. R. Cristofani b C. S. Nayudu	17
Williams c Nimbalkar b Chaudhuri	3
C. F. Price not out	15
A. W. Roper lbw b Sarawate	0
C. D. Bremner b Sarawate	0
Extras	3
Total	107

## AUSTRALIANS—Second Innings.

R. S. Whittington c Phansalkar b Banerjee	0
J. Workman c Parthasarathy b Chaudhuri	3
J. Pettiford not out	15
C. F. Price c Banerjee b Chaudhuri	2
A. W. Roper b C. S. Nayudu	28
A. L. Hassett c C. K. Nayudu b C. S. Nayudu	125
K. R. Miller c Parthasarathy b Sarawate	1
C. G. Pepper b Sarawate	7
D. R. Cristofani b Chaudhuri	69
E. A. Williams c Chaudhuri b Sarawate	27
C. D. Bremner not out	0
Extras	25
Total	304

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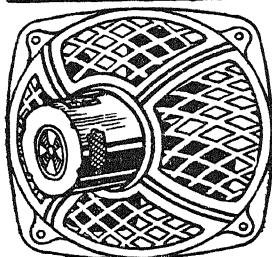
	O	M	R	W
S. Banerjee	... 7	1	17	1
B. B. Nimbalkar	... 3	0	15	0
N. Chaudhuri	... 11	1	33	3
C. S. Nayudu	... 9	2	29	3
C. T. Sarwate	... 2	0	8	3

## BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
S. Banerjee	... 16	2	61	2
B. B. Nimbalkar	... 2	0	17	0
N. Chaudhuri	... 14	6	39	2
C. S. Nayudu	... 16	0	77	2
C. T. Sarwate	... 13.5	1	63	3

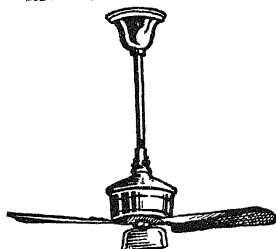


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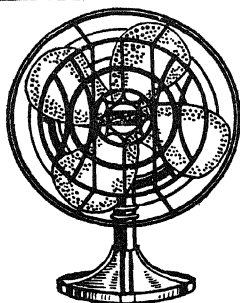


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## EAST ZONE—1st Innings.

S. Banerjee st Bremner b		
Christofani	...	11
C. T. Sarwate c Hassett b		
Roper	...	2
Mushtaq Ali c Workman b		
Cristofani	...	46
Dennis Compton run not	...	0
B. B. Nimbalkar c Roper b		
Pepper	...	0
C. K. Nayudu c Roper b Cristofani	...	25
C. S. Nayudu lbw b Price	...	24
N. Chatterjee c Cristofani b		
Price	...	11
P. Phansalkar, hit wicket b		
Cristofani	...	0
Parthasarathy b Price	...	4
N. Chaudhuri not out	...	0
Extras	...	0

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 Total .. 131
 

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## EAST ZONE—Second Innings

S. Banerjee c Whittington b		
Williams	...	6
C. T. Sarwate lbw b Cristofani	...	13
Mushtaq Ali b Williams	...	58
Denis Compton b Roper	...	101
N. Chatterji lbw b Pepper	...	1
C. K. Nayudu St. Bremner b		
Pepper	...	11
C. S. Nayudu b Roper	...	33
B. B. Nimbalkar not out	...	33
J. Phansalkar c Hassett b		
Cristofani	...	1
T. V. Parthasarathi not out	...	8
Extras	...	19

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 Total (for 8 wickets) ... 284
 

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## BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
A. W. Roper	...	4	0	11
E. A. Williams	...	50	...	15
C. G. Pepper	...	9	...	37
D. R. Cristofani	...	15	2	46
C. F. Price	...	7	2	14

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**SECOND TEST MATCH.**


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**INDIA XI Vs. THE AUSTRALIAN XI.**


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Played at :—The Eden Gardens Grounds, Calcutta, on  
25, 26, 27 and 28 November, 1945.

Captains :—V. M. Merchant (India XI),  
A. L. Hassett (Australian XI).

Results :—Draw in favour of the Australians).

## INDIAN XI—1st Innings

V. M. Merchant run out	...	12
V. Mankad lbw Williams	...	78
Mushtaq Ali c Roper b Pepper	...	31
Amar Nath lbw Pepper	...	0
V. S. Hazare b Roper	...	65
R. S. Modi lbw Pepper	...	75
A. Hafeez st Carmody b Ellis	...	37
D. G. Phadkar c Pepper b Ellis	...	8
C. S. Nayudu c and b Pepper	...	38
T. V. Parthasarathy not out	...	11
C. R. Rangachari b Williams	...	0
Extras	...	31

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 Total ... 386
 

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## INDIAN XI—2nd Innings

V. M. Merchant not out	...	155
Vinoo Mankad lbw b Pepper	...	21
T. V. Parthasarathy b Pepper	...	4
Mushtaq Ali c Whittington b		
Pepper	...	3
L. Amar Nath c Roper b		
Pettiford	...	48
Abdul Hafeez not out	...	86
Extras	...	33

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 Total (for 4 wkts dec) ... 350
 

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## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
A. W. Roper ...	25	5	40	1
E. A. Williams ...	18.2	3	47	2
R. S. Ellis ...	41	8	88	2
D. R. Cristofani... ..	13	1	49	0
C. G. Pepper ...	39	8	120	4
J. Pettiford ...	3	1	4	0
A. L. Hassett .	2	0	7	0

## AUSTRALIAN XI (1st Innings)

D. K. Carmody lbw Rangachari	40
R. S. Whittington lbw Phadkar	155
J. Pettiford c Parthasarathi b Rangachari	... 101
A. L. Hassett c Parthasarathi b Mankad	... 18
K. R. Miller st Parthasarathy b Mankad	... 82
C. G. Pepper c and b Mankad	13
J. Workman c Parthasarathy b Amar Nath	... 13
D. R. Cristofani c Modi b Amar Nath	... 8
E. A. Williams not out	20
A. W. Roper lbw Amar Nath	1
R. S. Ellis b Mankad	... 1
Extras	... 20

Total ... 472

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
A. W. Roper ...	7	1	36	0
E. A. Williams ...	16	3	57	0
C. G. Pepper ..	32	9	94	3
R. S. Ellis	30	5	85	0
K. R. Miller ...	7	0	14	0
J. Pettiford ...	14	4	31	1

## AUSTRALIAN XI—2nd Innings

D. K. Carmody c Mankad b Amar Nath	... 14
R. S. Whittington b Rangachari	4
J. Pettiford not out	... 14
J. Workman not out	... 17
Extras	.. 0

Total (for 2 wks) ... 49

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
V. S. Hazare ...	19	4	50	0
D. G. Phadkar ...	19	5	31	1
L. Amar Nath ..	22	7	41	3
Rangachari ...	16	4	40	2
C. S. Nayudu ...	21	0	113	0
V. Mankad ...	45	5	147	4
A. Hafeez ...	5	0	26	0

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
L. Amar Nath ...	3	0	11	1
V. S. Hazare	2	0	7	0
C. R. Rangachari	3	0	12	1
Vinoo Mankad ...	7	3	8	0
D. G. Phadkar ...	5	1	11	0

## SOUTH ZONE XI Vs. THE AUSTRALIAN XI.

Played at :—The Chepauk Grounds Madras on 3, 4 and 5 December, 1945.

Captains.—C. P. Johnstone (South Zone XI)

K. R. Miller (The Australian XI)

Result :—Australian XI won by six wickets,

## SOUTH ZONE—1st innings.

C. P. Johnstone b Miller...	... 18
P. E. Palia c Stanford b Cristofani	... 48
Asghar Ali lbw Ellis	15
E. B. Aibara not out	... 49
A. G. Ramsingh b Price	... 0

## SOUTH ZONE—2nd innings.

C. P. Johnstone lbw Ellis	... 21
P. E. Palia b Pettiford	... 24
E. B. Aibara c Pettiford b Miller	45
Asghar Ali run out	... 21
A. G. Ramsingh c Williams b Roper	... 42



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G. F. Upjohn c Williams b Price ... 0	G. F. Upjohn c and b Price ... 2
M. J. Gopalan c Roper b Ellis... 15	M. J. Gopalan lbw Roper ... 41
A. Anantanarayanan lbw b Price ... 1	A. Anantanarayanan b Price . 0
S. Sanjiva Rao lbw Ellis ... 0	Sanjiva Rao not out ... 11
Ghulam Ahmed c Cristofani b Ellis ... 0	C. R. Rangachari b Miller ... 16
C. R. Rangachari lbw Price ... 0	Ghulam Ahmed b Miller ... 0
Extras ... 1	Extras ... 10
Total ... 159	Total ... 233

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Roper ...	7	2	6	0
Williams ...	3	0	10	0
Pettiford ...	9	0	48	0
Miller ...	3	2	8	1
Cristofani ...	10	3	26	1
Ellis ...	12	3	21	4
Price ...	11.4	2	33	4

## AUSTRALIAN XI—1st innings.

D. K. Carmody c Rangachari b Ghulam Ahmed ... 33	
J. A. Workman b Palia ... 76	
Pettiford b Ghulam Ahmed ... 4	
Miller b Ghulam Ahmed ... 0	
R. M. Stanford st Sanjiva Rao b Ramsingh ... 1	
D. R. Cristofani c Ghulam Ahmed b Ramsingh ... 10	
E. A. Williams c Jonstone b Ramsingh ... 0	
C. F. Price b Palia ... 31	
A. W. Roper b Rangachari ... 18	
R. S. Ellis c and b Ghulam Ahmed ... 0	
C. D. Bremner not out ... 2	
Extras ... 20	
Total ... 195	

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Gopalan ...	4	—	23	—
Rangachari ...	10.4	3	31	1
Ramsingh ...	23	4	57	3
Ghulam Ahmed ...	23	4	56	4
Palia ...	4	—	8	2

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Miller ...	9.3	4	19	3
Roper ...	12	1	45	2
Ellis ...	26	7	58	1
Price ...	12	0	51	2
Cristofani ...	2	1	5	0
Pettiford ...	13	3	38	1
Carmody ...	2	0	7	0

## AUSTRALIAN XI—2nd innings

D. K. Carmody not out ... 87	
J. A. Workman c Rangachari b Ghulam Ahmed ... 21	
J. Pettiford c Johnstone b Ghulam Ahmed ... 8	
K. R. Miller c Johnstone b Ghulam Ahmed ... 8	
R. M. Stanford c Johnstone b Ghulam Ahmed ... 3	
D. R. Cristofani not out ... 54	
Extras ... 17	

Total (for 4 wks) ... 198

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Gopalan ...	3	1	3	0
Rangachari ...	5	1	19	0
Ramsingh ...	16.4	1	75	0
Ghulam Ahmed ...	17	3	59	4
Palia ...	13	5	25	0

## THIRD TEST MATCH.

## INDIAN XI Vs. THE AUSTRALIAN XI.

Played at :—The Madras Cricket Club Grounds on 7, 8, 9 and 10 December, 1945.

Captains :—V. M. Merchant (The Indian XI).

A. L. Hassett (The Australian XI)

Results:—Indian XI won by six wickets and 2 runs.

AUSTRALIAN XI—(1st Innings).			AUSTRALIAN XI—(2nd Innings).		
D. K. Carmody b Banerjee	...	0	D. K. Carmody lbw b Banerjee	...	92
R. S. Whittington c Banerjee	...		R. S. Whittington c Hazare b	...	
b Sarwate	...	33	Mushtaq Ali	...	67
J. Pettiford c Modi b Hazare	...	12	J. Pettiford lbw b Sarwate	...	18
C. F. Price b Sarwate	...	25	K. R. Miller b Banerjee	...	7
A. L. Hassett c Hazare c Sarwate	...	143	A. L. Hassett c Mushtaq Ali	...	
K. R. Miller c Maka b Banerjee	...	2	b Sarwate	...	10
C. G. Pepper lbw b C. S.	...		C. G. Pepper c Amar Nath b	...	
Nayudu	...	87	Sarwate	...	15
D. R. Cristofani b Sarwate	...	5	D. R. Cristofani b Banerjee	...	29
E. A. Williams lbw b Banerjee	...	0	C. F. T. Price lbw b Sarwate	...	0
S. G. Sismey b Banerjee	...	9	E. A. Williams lbw b Banerji	...	16
R. S. Ellis not out	...	0	S. G. Sismey not out	...	1
Extra	...	17	Extras	...	5
Total	...	339	Total	...	257

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Banerjee	...	28	5	86
Hafeez	...	5	3	7
Hazare	...	19	8	35
Amar Nath	...	12	2	33
C. S. Nayudu	...	14	0	58
C. T. Sarwate	...	26	4	94

#### INDIAN XI—(1st Innings)

V. M. Merchant lbw b Pepper	...	11
Mushtaq Ali c Hassett b Pepper	...	28
Amar Nath c Carmody b Price	...	113
Abdul Hafeez b Miller	...	11
V. S. Hazare c Sismey b Pepper	...	8
R. S. Modi b Ellis	...	30
Gul Mohammed c Whittington	...	55
b Miller	...	2
C. T. Sarwate lbw b Pepper	...	64
C. S. Nayudu c Williams b Price	...	8
S. Banerjee lbw b Ellis	...	1
E. S. Maka not out	...	21
Extras	...	
Total	...	525

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
K. R. Miller	...	22	6	60
E. A. Williams	...	15	2	62
D. R. Cristofani	...	25	3	78
C. G. Pepper	...	41	6	118
R. S. Ellis	...	16	3	59
C. F. T. Price	...	14	1	60
J. Pettiford	...	7	0	47
A. L. Hassett	...	1	0	9

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
S. N. Banerjee	...	27	4	81
V. S. Hazare	...	6	1	22
C. T. Sarwate	...	43	3	114
L. Amar Nath	...	4	1	12
C. S. Nayudu	...	8	0	27
S. Mushtaq Ali	...	6	2	11
Gul Mohammed	...	2	0	2
V. M. Merchant	...	2	1	1

#### INDIAN XI—(2nd Innings).

V. M. Merchant run not	...	35
Mushtaq Ali lbw b Cristofani	...	37
Amar Nath b Hassett	...	9
Abdul Hafeez not out	...	2
V. S. Hazare c & b Whittington	...	0
R. S. Modi not out	...	4
Extras	...	5

Total (for 4 wks.) ... 92

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
K. R. Miller	...	3	0	11
E. A. Williams	...	2	0	8
C. G. Pepper	...	8	0	22
R. S. Ellis	...	6	0	21
D. R. Cristofani	...	3	0	12
A. L. Hassett	...	2	0	6
R. S. Whittington	...	3	2	4
D. K. Carmody	...	2	1	3

1. North Zone: at Lahore .. =Draw.
2. Princes XI: at Delhi ..., =Draw.
3. Bombay Zone: at Bombay.. =Draw.
4. **1st. Test** at Bombay =Draw.
5. Combined Universities: at Poona. .. =Draw
6. East Zone: at Calcutta =East Zone won
7. **II Test:** at Calcutta =Draw.
3. South Zone: at Madras =Australian won
9. **III Test:** at Madras =India won.

### BATTING & BOWLING AVERAGES FOR THE TOUR

A.L. Hassett topped the batting averages for the Australian Services cricket team, including four centuries during their six weeks tour of India.

The following are the Australians averages for the tour:—

#### BATTING

	In.	N.	O.	H.S.	T.	Av.
A. L. Hassett	...	11	1	187	864	86.40
D. K. Carmody	...	14	1	113	692	53.23
C. G. Pepper	...	10	1	95	364	40.44
R. S. Whittington	...	12	1	155	396	3.600
J. Pettiford	...	13	1	124	417	34.57
D. R. Cristofani	...	8	1	69	241	34.42
K. R. Miller	...	13	1	106	338	28.16
C. F. Price	...	10	1	55	246	27.33
E. A. Williams	...	13	5	100*	214	26.75
J. A. Workman	...	13	1	76	316	26.33
R. M. Stanford	...	5	0	34	79	13.80
A. W. Roper	...	7	0	28	83	11.85
S. G. Sismey	...	7	2	16*	55	11.00
R. S. Ellis	...	8	5	10*	18	9.00
C. Bremner	...	4	2	2*	4	2.00

#### BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	Av.
K. R. Miller	...	119.3	81	296	11 26.90
C. F. Price	...	125.2	13	451	16 28.18
D. R. Cristofani	...	108	19	339	12 28.25
A. W. Roper	...	94	20	281	9 31.22
R. S. Whittington	...	10	3	35	1 35.00
R. S. Ellis	...	312.3	58	843	22 38.31
C. G. Pepper	...	337	53	1065	27 39.44
E. A. Williams	...	166.2	31	441	9 49.00
J. Pettiford	...	141	20	503	8 62.87
A. L. Hassett	...	16	9	67	1 67.00*
S. G. Sismey	...	5	0	24	0 —
D. K. Carmody	...	10.5	1	29	0 —

\*Denotes not out.

## “TEST” AVERAGES

The following are the Australians' averages for the “Test” matches:-

### BATTING

		In	N.O.	H.S.	T.	Av.
J. Pettiford	...	5	1	124	269	67.25
C G Pepper	..	5	1	95	214	53.50
J A. Workman	...	3	1	76	106	53.00
R. S. Whittington	...	5	0	155	263	52.60
D K. Carmody	...	5	0	113	259	51.80
A L. Hasset	...	5	0	143	235	47.00
K R. Miller	...	5	1	82	107	26.75
S G. Sismey	...	3	1	16*	36	18.00
C. F. Price	...	3	0	25	52	17.38
E. A. Williams	...	4	1	20*	30	10.00
D. R. Cristofani	...	3	0	29	43	14.00
R. S. Ellis	...	4	2	10*	12	6.00
A. W. Roper	...	1	0	1	1	1.00

### BOWLING

		O	M	R	W	Av
Whittington	...	5	2	15	1	15.00
Price	...	42.2	8	122	7	17.42
Hassett	...	5	0	18	1	18.00
Pepper	...	131.1	32	540	16	33.75
Miller	...	63	15	162	4	30.50
Williams	...	100.2	19	257	5	51.40
Pettiford	...	35	8	113	2	56.50
Ellis	...	143.3	23	414	7	59.14
Roper	...	23	6	76	1	76.00
Cristofani	...	41	4	130	1	139.00

## INDIANS' AVERAGES

The following are the Indians' averages in “Test” matches

	In	N.O.	H.S.	T.	Av.	
R. S. Modi	...	5	1	203	344	86.09
V. M. Merchant	...	6	1	155*	309	61.80
Amar Nath	...	6	0	113	284	47.33
Gul Mohd.	...	3	0	55	137	45.66
A. Hafeez	...	6	2	86*	179	44.75
V. Mankad	...	4	0	78	164	41.00
V. S. Hazare	...	5	0	75	171	34.25
C. S. Nayudu	...	4	0	64	110	27.50
Mushtaq Ali	...	4	0	37	99	24.75
Amir Elahi	...	2	0	32	32	16.00
G. Kishenchand	...	2	0	24	25	12.50
D. G. Phadkar	...	1	0	8	8	8.00
S. Banerji	...	1	0	8	8	8.00
Pathasarathy	..	2	0	11	15	7.50
G. T. Sarwate	...	1	0	2	2	2.00
C. R. Rangachari	...	1	0	0	0	0.00
Srinivasan	...	2	2	4*	4	—
E. S. Maka	...	1	1	1*	1	—

\*Denotes not out.



## BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	Av
Mushtaq Ali	... 0	2	11	1	11.00
Rangachari	... 19	4	52	3	17.33
Banerjee	... 55	2	167	8	20.87
Sarwate	... 69.4	5	208	8	26.00
Amar Nath	... 66	17	144	4	36.00
Hazare	... 39	22	250	6	41.66
Phadkar	... 24	6	42	1	42.00
Mankad	... 75	11	208	4	52.00
Amir Elahi	... 34.1	2	138	2	69.00
C. S. Nayudu	... 91	7	339	4	84.75
Merchant	... 2	1	1	0	—
Gul Mohd.	... 4	1	6	0	—
Modi	... 2	0	9	0	—
A. Hafeez	... 18	0	37	0	—

\*Denotes not out.

## CENTURIES DURING TOUR FOR AUSTRALIANS

A. L. Hassett—187 and 124 vs. Princes XI. 125 vs. East Zone and 143 in Madras "Test".

Pettiford—124 in Bombay "Test". 101 in Calcutta "Test".

Whittington—155 in Calcutta "Test".

Carmody—113 in Bombay "Test".

Miller.—106 vs. West Zone.

Williams—100\* v Princes XI.

## AGAINST AUSTRALIANS

Modi—203 in Madras "Test" 168 for West Zone.

Abdul Hafeez—173 for North Zone. 161\* for Combined Universities.

Amar Nath—163 for Princes XI. 113 in Madras "Test".

Rege—200\* for Combined Universities.

V. M. Merchant—155\* in Calcutta "Test".

Imtiaz Ahmed—138\* for North Zone.

Mushtaq Ali—108 for Princes XI.

D. Compton—101 for East Zone.

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## CHAPTER VII

### IMPRESSIONS ON AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

( *This article was written by Dr. P. Subbarayan, President of the Cricket Control Board before the arrival of the Australian Team in India.* )

The Australian Services side which is about to commence its tour in India is a very good one and I am hoping our team in the three All-India matches to be played in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras will give them a game worthy of our strength. In Hassett they have a batsman who has played for Australia before the war and did very well. In S/Ldr Sismey, they have a wicket-keeper who has been compared with Old-field. In K.R. Miller their Vice-Captain, they have a batsman who has proved in the recent un-official tests in England that he is in the same line as Trumper, Macartney and Bradman. He is sure to make his presence felt in future Australian test sides and will cause many a headache to English bowlers in future tests. Carmody is their spare wicket-keeper and he is also a good bat. In Workman, Whittington, they have two good opening batsmen who may find a place in an Australian team in future. In Pepper they have a good all rounder as he did well both as a slow bowler and a batsman in the un-official tests in England. Pettiford and Stanford they have two batsmen who could make runs at a crisis in the middle of the batting order. In Cristofani they have a googly bowler who is talked of as the future successor to Mailey and Grimmett and he proved himself a great batsman at a crisis in the last un-official test in England. In Williams they have a good medium fast bowler and he seems to fill a place which is so hard to fill in these days. But Australia during the pre-war years after Gregory's retirement and Macdonald migrated to Lancashire relied mostly on their slow bowling and used their opening bowlers only to take the shine of the ball. I well remember that in 1930 and 34 in England Grimmett and O'Reilly bore the

burnt of the attack in the tests. This Australian team possess; in Pepper and Cristofani two bowlers who might very well take the places of the two I have mentioned. In Ellis they have a left hand bowler who earned a good opinion in England and who might be dangerous on a wet wicket. In Rbper, Price and Bremner they have players who can fill up vacancies. They can field aside which can bat down to the last man and help to build up a sizable total. As I have said above their bowling and wicket-keeping is of a very high order. On the whole I feel that they will give our men great experience which will stand them in good stead when they visit England as I hope they will do next year. I am glad the Australians are helping to put international cricket on the map again with an English cricket team visiting Australia in 1946-47. I am hoping the Australians would have had their experience in India which would help in unearthing new talent. The Services side of 1919 gave Australia Gregory, Taylor and Pellen and this one may unearth equally good ones. A full season of English county cricket next year and the visit of the Indian side will give England the necessary insight to pick their team for Australia.

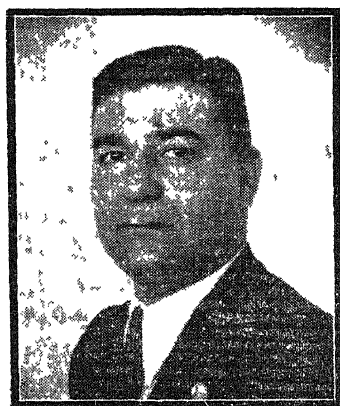
I expected great things of Miller after what he did in England except for a century in Bombay he was a failure and in three test matches he did nothing. I think he was stale but he is a great cricketer and as Macartney has said he is sure to play for Australia this winter. Hassett proved himself a great batsman and will retain his place in the Australians side. Cristofani again a disappointment. He suffered from a sprain all through the tour and did not reproduce his English form. Pepper proved himself the best bowler for the Australians. Indian cricket on the whole has proved itself equal to the task set by the Australians and I hope and trust our team will do well in their tour of England. Merchant, Amarnath and Mody did very well in the test matches and Sarwate and Benerji proved themselves good bowlers. Vinoo Mankad was a great all-rounder and it is a pity he was not able to play

in the last unofficial test. Gul Mohammad was a great fielder. Hazare bowled well in Bombay and batted fairly well. Abdul Hafeez got two centuries against the visitors and is a good batsman. There is no doubt we have enough talent to do well in England. The Australians on and off the field proved themselves as a set of very pleasant men and their manager Keith Johnson was very good and greatly interested in India doing well in the International Arena.

I hope under the authority of the Board of Control, Australia will visit us in the near future. I am sure this visit will help to cement Indo-Australian relations to be placed on a friendly basis.

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## CHAPTER VIII

### INDIAN TEAM'S VISIT TO ENGLAND IN 1946.

The Indian Cricket Control Board held an extraordinary meeting on the 30th January 1946 at Hotel Connamara Madras to select the Captain and Manager of the Indian Team to tour England in 1946 summer. The Nawab of Pataudi and P. Gupta were selected as Captain and Manager of the team respectively. A. S. de Mello, Dr. Subbarayan, Col. Nayudu and Prof. D.B. Deodhar were entrusted with the difficult task of selecting the Indian Team. The Selection Committee met at the Barbourne Stadium, Bombay on the 26th February and selected the following team:—

Nawab of Pataudi (Captain)

V.M. Merchant (Vice-Captain)

R. S. Modi, D.D. Hindleker, S.W. Sohni, Abdul Hafeez, V.S. Hazare, R.B. Nimbalkar, Mushtaq Ali, C.S. Nayudu, C.T. Sarwate, Vinoo Mankad, S. Banerji, L. Amarnath, Gul Mohammad and S. G. Shinde.

The Nawab of Pataudi, Vijay Merchant and Amarnath will be the members of the Selection Committee for test matches in England.

While the team on the whole is probably the best ever selected to visit England, it is admitted that it lacks strong bowling, but with great batting strength, it would be difficult for England to dismiss the Indian team twice in any of the Test Matches. The Nawab of Pataudi with his ten years experience of English Cricket and conditions of County wickets is capable of handling his team better than any of our past Captains well. Except a few, the team consists of youngsters who will do

# Members of the Selection Committee of All Indian Team of 1946.



Dr. P. Subbarayan President of  
the Cricket Control Board.



A. S. de Mello, Vice-President  
of the Cricket Control Board.



Prof. D. B. Deodhar, the  
Veteran Poona Cricketer.



Col. C. K. Nayudu whose  
double century against Baroda  
enabled Holkar to win the  
final of the Ranji Trophy  
this year.



## Members of the All India team, 1946.



V. M. Merchant (Vice-Captain  
of the team, Bombay.)



L. Amar Nath  
(Southern Punjab, Patiala)



The Nawab of Pataudi  
Captain of the Team.,



Rusi Modi (Bombay)



V. S. Hazare. (Baroda)

# Members of the All India team, 1946.



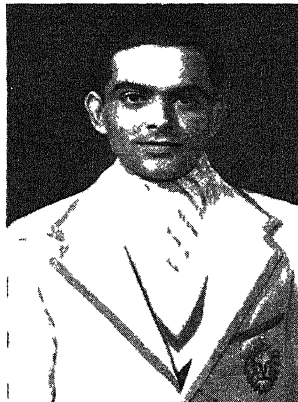
A. Hafeez, (N.I.C.A., Lahore)



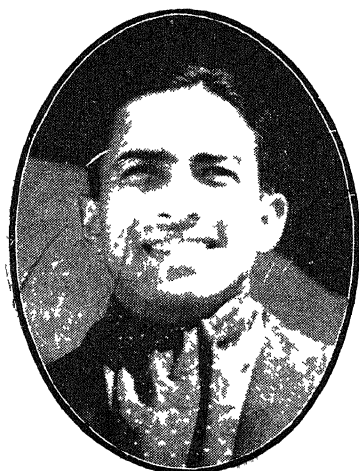
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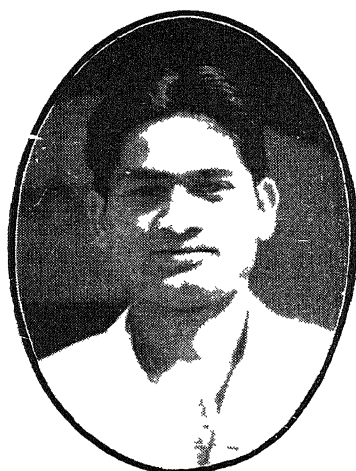
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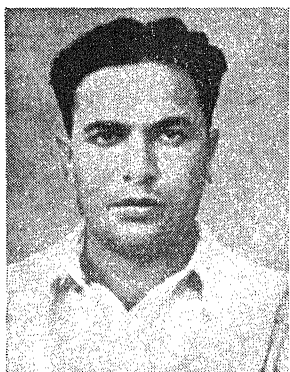


C. T. Sarwate, (Baroda)



Gul Mohd. (Baroda)

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S. W. Sohoni (Maharashtra  
Poona)



S. Bannerji  
(Calcutta)



D. D. Hindlekar.  
(Bombay)



S. G. Shinde (Maharashtra  
Poona)



Vinoo Mankad  
(Bombay)

lot of good work in the field. In fact weak bowling can be tolerated if there is a fine fielding side, but surely a strong bowling cannot help much if there happens to be a weak fielding side. We are really happy that the Selection Committee have given due consideration to the fielding aspect of this team and have ignored such players who could prove to be passengers in the field. We are optimistic that the Nawab of Pataudi, Merchant, Modi, Hazare, Amarnath, Mushtaq Ali and Hafeez would give a hard time to the English bowlers. All of them are great batsman and are good enough to hit double centuries in first-class county and Test matches. They can surely be compared with any great batsman in England.

In bowling Banerji, Amarnath, Sarwate, Naidu, Shinde, Sohni and Mankad are sure to achieve distinctions, as all of them have been doing very well in India.

It is too premature to say at this stage as to who among the above players are likely to top the batting and bowling averages, as in both the Departments we have players of almost equal standard and who from the cream of Indian Cricket.

It is hoped that our team will give a good account of its quality and sportsmanship both on and off the field. They will play like a team without giving even the slightest indication of any personal indifference or prejudice whatsoever. They must remember that they will be playing in England for the prestige of India and should feel it their duty to maintain discipline and behave in a manner they must.

In our opinion the choice of P. Gupta as Manager of the team is definitely a good one, particularly in view of his vast experience of overseas tours both with the Hockey and Football teams. He will no doubt keep the players together and would guide them in a proper way.

As more than half the team consists of youngsters who are visiting England for the first time, they should be

looked after and coached by the senior members of the team to enable them to become better players of tomorrow. We have heard a great deal about the discipline and performances of players of the last two touring teams and now feel inclined to warn the members of the team that they must wipe off the bitter and humiliating memories of our past tours. They must show the Cricket world that India has since made vast improvements in its standard and can field a real good "team". We wish our team all the best of luck and pray that they may return to India with praise and honour.

We feel it may not be out of place to record our regret at the way in which certain Dailies, Magazines and Periodicals in this country have used their columns to criticise the selection of the Captain, Manager and some players of the team. Some of them have gone to the extent of shouting that the Cricket Control Board be scrapped, Prince Duleepsinghji should be on the selection committee, Merchant should be made Captain, Amir Elahi should be included, P. Gupta as Manager is no good, Shinde never scored a century in big cricket, there is a better wicket-keeper than Hindlekar, C.S. Naydu is out of form and so on, so forth. Did the Board of Control ever pay any heed to these critics—No, not at all. We must congratulate the Board for having stood courageously by its decision, and for selecting the best Indian team for 1946 Tour.

Devoted, as we are, to Indian Cricket, we do not hesitate in asking those concerned to deter from doing so at least in future, as the public is likely to be misled. Moreover, Indian Cricket cannot and will not prosper if we have no faith in the Board of Cricket control—a body that has been entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining discipline and improving the standard of Indian Cricket.

The following are the fixtures of the Indian team in England:-

<b>Date</b>	<b>vs.</b>	<b>Ground</b>
May 4:	<i>Worcestershire</i>	Worcester
May 8:	Oxford University	Oxford

Date	Vs.	Ground
May 11:	Surrey	Ovaoval
May 15:	Cambridge Univer-sity	Cambridge
May 18:	Leicestershire	Leicester
May 22-23	Scotland	Edinburgh
May 25:	MCC	Lord's
May 29:	Indian Gymkhana	Osterley
June 1:	Hampshire	Southamp- ton
June 5:	-----	-----
June 8:	Glamorgan	Cardiff
June 12:	Combined Services	Portsmouth
June 15:	Nottinghamshire	Nottingham
June 19:	Three-day Rest	-----
June 22:	<b>Test Match</b>	Lord's
June 26:	Northamptonshire	Northampton
June 29:	Lancashire	Liverpool
july 3:	Yorkshire	Bradford
July 6:	Lancashire	Manchester
July 10:	Derbyshire	Chesterfield
July 13:	Yorkshire	Sheffield
July 17:	Durham	Sunderland
July 20:	<b>Test Match</b>	Manchester
July 25:	Club Cricket Conference	-----
July 27:	Sussex	Hove
July 31:	Somerest	Taunton
August 3:	Glamorgan	Swansea
August 7:	Warwickshire	Birmingham
August 10:	Cloucestershire	Cheltenham
August 14:	Three-day Rest	-----
August 17:	<b>Test Match</b>	Oval
August 24:	Essex	Southend
August 28:	Kent	Canterbury
August 31:	Middlesex	Lord's
Sept. 4:	South of England XI	Hastings
Sept. 7:	H.D G. Leveson- Gover's XI	Scarborough

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CHAPTER IX  
**BOMBAY PENTANGULAR OF 1946.**  
**FIRST MATCH**

**PARSIS Vs. THE REST**

Played at the Brabourne Stadium Bombay on 9, 10, 11 January 1946.

Results:—Paris defeated the Rest by an innings and 121 runs.

Rest—First Innings:—112. (B. P. Kadam 21, B. Frank 20 and A. Farnandes 24). J. B. Khot and P. R. Umrigor Claimed 4 wickets each for 41 and 18 runs respectively.

Paris—First Innings:—376. (Palia 41, Colah 61, Modi 107, Aibara 42, and P. R. Umrigor 30) J. Roach 2 for 50, S. R. Arolkar 4 for 67 and E. P. Salvi, 3 for 91 were the most successful bowlers.

Rest—Second Innings:—143. (M. Cohen (Capt.) 23, P. D'Souza 25 and B. Frank 41.) J.B. Khot Six for 27 runs.

**SECOND MATCH**

**EUROPEANS Vs. HINDUS.**

Played at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay on 12, 13, and 14 January 1946.

Results:—Hindus defeated the Europeans by an innings and one run.

Europeans—First Innings:—212. (R. T. O. Simpson 30, A. Sinden 20, and Dennis Compton 91,) S. Banerji 3 for 53, Sohoni 2 for 79, Phadkar 2 for 28 and Mankad 3 for 79.

Hindus—First Innings:—504 for Six declared. (Mankad 39, M. R. Rege 101, G. Kishenchand 155, U. M. Merchant 132). G. R. Brown 2 for 114, F. E. Eceleston 2 For 106.

Europeans—Second Innings:—291. (R. T. Simpson 59, A. Sinden 56, D. Compton 124, and C. H. Palmer 21) Vinoo Mankad 7 for 91.

### THIRD MATCH

#### PARSIS Vs. THE MUSLIMS.

Played at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay on 15, 16 and 17th January 1946.

Results:—Parsis won on the first innings lead of 99 runs.

Muslims—First Innings:—163. (Alimuiddin 29, Anwar Hussain 45, Asghar Ali 22, and Inayat Khan 25) J.B. Khot 1 for 45, Palia 1 for 19, Umrigar 5 for 26 and K. K. Tarapore 2 for 36.

Parsis—First Innings:—262. Palia 76, Aibara 64 and J. B. Patel 34). Ghulam Ahmed 2 for 56 M.A. Latif 4 for 37.

Muslims—Second Innings:—274 for 8 declared. (K.C. Ibrahim 70, Anwar Hussain 30, Inayat Khan 80, and K. C. Abdulla 32 not out). J. B. Khot 2 for 81 and P. E. Palia 2 for 45.

Parsis—Second Innings:—163 for Six wickets. (R. S. Modi 23, J. S. Lawyer 20, J. B. Khot 51 not out and Palia 25 not out) Saeed Ahmed 2 for 35 and Anwar Hussain 2 for 43.

### FINAL

#### HINDUS Vs. PARSIS.

Played at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay on 21, 22 and 23 January 1946.

Results:—Hindus won by 310 runs.



Hindus—First Innings. (Mankad 74, G. Kishenchand 45, U.M. Merchant 22, S. W. Sohoni 57, and S. G. Shinde 49) P. E. Palia 2 for 63, J. B. Khot 3 for 76, Umrigar 2 for 52, and K. K. Tarapore 3 for 135.

Parsis—First Inning:—177. (R. S. Modi 55, D. B. Satha 26 not out) Phadkar 3 for 12, Shinde 3 for 53, and Merchant 2 for 20.

Hindus—Second Innings:—213 for Six wickets (M.K. Mantri 34, Kishenchand 72, K.M. Ranganekar 51) P. E. Palia 4 for 93.

Parsis—Second Inning:—94. (Aibara 26, Modi 12) Shinde 4 for 31, Phadkar 3 for 15.



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## CHAPTER X

### ZONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT, 1946

For the first time in the history of Indian Cricket a competition on zonal basis was introduced this year by the Cricket Club of India and it is gratifying to note that almost all the best Indian Cricketers representing North, East, South and West zones participated in the competition. The matches were played on the Brabourne Stadium grounds in Bombay. In the first match the North zone XI which was led by the Nawab of Pataudi, easily defeated the East zone XI. In the second match, the South zone secured a creditable victory over a formidable West zone XI led by Merchant. It is a great pity indeed that the final match between the North and South zones could not be played to a finish on account of NAVAL disturbances in Bombay. It is, however, hoped that in future these matches would be of a very great help to the Board of Cricket Control for the selection of a strong all India team to play against the foreign teams both in India and Abroad.

The following are the details of the zonal matches:—

#### NORTH ZONE Vs. EAST ZONE

Played at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay on 15, 16, and 17 February 1946.

Captains:—(1) Nawab of Pataudi (North Zone)

(2) Col. C. K. Nayudu (East Zone)

Result:—East zone won by an innings and 73 runs.

EAST ZONE—1st Innings			EAST ZONE—2nd Innings		
S. N. Banerjee b Amar Nath	...	5	T. V. Parthasarathy b Amar Nath	2	
C. T. Sarwate c Amar Nath b			C. T. Sarwate c Inayat Khan b		
Fazal Mahmood	...	0	Fazal Mahmood	...	46
Mushtaq Ali b Amar Nath	...	13	N. Chatterjee b Fazal Mahmood	2	
B. B. Nimbalkar b Amar Nath	...	0	Mushtaq Ali st Irani b Inderjit	107	
K. Bose b Amar Nath	...	1	B. B. Nimbalkar c Amar Nath b		
M. M. Jagdale c Hafeez b Inayat Khan	...	24	Fazal Mahmood	...	2
C. S. Nayudu c Irani b Fazal Mahmood	...	0	K. Bose c Inderjit b Inayat Khan	2	
C. K. Nayudu lbw b Fazal Mahmood	...	8	M. M. Jagdale c Amar Nath b		
N. Chatterjee b Inayat Khan	...	2	Fazal Mahmood	...	9
T. V. Parthasarathy st Irani b			C. S. Nayudu b Fazal Mahmood	0	
			C. K. Nayudu c substitute b		
			Hafeez	...	11
			S. N. Banerjee not out	...	2

Fazal Mahmood	...	6	N. Choudhury run out	...	0
N. Choudhury not out	...	1	Extras	...	9
Extras	...	1	Totals	...	192
Total	..	65			

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
L. Amar Nath	...	14	6	20
Fazal Mahmood	...	12.5	4	24
Inayat Khan	...	4	0	9

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W1
L. Amar Nath	...	15	4	44
Fazal Mahmood	...	27	7	59
A. Hafeez	...	9	9	9
Inayat Khan	...	18	6	26
Inderjit	...	6	0	25

## NORTH ZONE—1st Innings

Nazar Mohamed c Bose b Jagdale	31
Mahomed Saeed lbw b C. S.	
Nayudu	...
A. Hafeez run out	...
G. Kishenchand lbw b C. S.	
Nayudu	...
Rai Singh run out	...
Inayat Khan retired	...
Fazal Mahmood lbw b Sarwate	12
Nawab of Pataudi retired	...
Inderjit lbw b C. S. Nayudu	...
J. K. Irani b Sarwate	...
L. Amar Nath not out	...
Extras	...
Total	...

**North Zone did not bat in their Second Innings.**

## SOUTH ZONE Vs. WEST ZONE

Played at the Brabourne Stadium Bombay on 18, 19 and 20 February 1946.

Captains:—(1) Prof. D. B. Deodhar (South Zone)

(2) V. M. Merchant (West Zone)

Results:—South Zone won on the first Innings.

## SOUTH ZONE—1st innings

M. R. Rege lbw b Hazare	...	17
P. E. Palia b Saeed Ahmed	...	13
Asghar Ali b Saeed Ahmed	...	0
S. W. Sohni b Hazare	...	51
D. B. Deodhar b Mankad	...	59
A. G. Ramsingh not out	...	125
B. Frank lbw b Mankad	...	0
E. B. Aibara c Adhikari b Phadkar	...	46
S. G. Shinde c Ghulam Ahmed	...	5
Hazare	...	0
D. Doctor b Phadkar	...	0
C. R. Rangachari b Phadkar	...	8
Extras	...	15
Total	..	369

## SOUTH ZONE—2nd Innings

M. R. Rege b Gul Mohd.	...	26
P. E. Palia c Mankad b Saeed	...	0
Ahmed	...	0
E. B. Aibara c and b Gul Mohd.	...	7
S. W. Sohni c Hazare b Amir	...	21
A. C. Ramsingh c Merchant b Phadkar	...	4
D. B. Deodhar c Hazare b Amir	...	53
Elahi	...	0
Asghar Ali st. Hindlekar b Amir	...	0
Elahi	...	33
B. Frank b Amir Elahi	...	4

BOWLING ANALYSIS					S. G. Shinde c Merchant b			
		O	M	R	W	Amir Elahi	...	1
Phadkar	...	25	4	89	5	C. R. Rangachari not out	...	7
Saeed Ahmad	...	26	5	60	2	Extras	...	6
V. S. Hazare	...	25	6	68	3	—		
Vinoo Mankad	...	23	5	51	2	Total	...	167

## WEST ZONE—1st Innings

K C. Ibrahim st Doctor b	...	56		
Ramsingh	...	63		
Vinoo Mankad b Palia	...	14		
V. M. Merchant c Doctor b	...	45		
Ramsingh	...	20		
V. S. Hazare hit wicket b Shinde	...	28		
R. S. Modi c sub b Shinde	...	2		
Adhikari c Asghar Ali b	...	46		
Sohoni	...	22		
Gul Mohammed st Doctor b	...	0		
Palia	...	12		
D. G. Phadkar c Deodhar b	...	21		
Shinde	...	334		
Saeed Ahmed b Palia	...	—		
Amir Elahi b Palia	...	—		
D. D. Hindlekar not out	...	—		
Extras	...	—		
Total	...	—		

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

		O	M	R	W
S. W. Sohoni	...	18	1	49	1
P. E. Palia	...	40	19	44	4
A. G. Famsingh	...	22	3	50	2
S. G. Shinde	...	45.2	10	122	3

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
D. G. phadkar ...	8	3	13	1
Saeed Ahmed ...	3	0	5	1
Gul Mohammed...	13	5	15	2
Amir Elahi ...	26.2	2	81	6

## WEST ZONE—2nd Innings

Ibrahim run out	...	16		
Vinoo Mankad c Doctor b	...	10		
Rangachari	...	20		
H R. Adhikari not out	...	32		
Gul Mohammed not out	...	14		
Extras	...	—		
Total (for two wkts)	...	92		

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
C. R. Rangachari ...	12	2	36	1
S. W. Sohoni ...	9	1	80	0
S. G. Shinde ...	5	1	11	0

## NORTH ZONE Vs. SOUTH ZONE

Played at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay on 22, 23 and 24th February, 1946.

Captains:—(1) Nawab of Pataudi (North Zone)  
(2) Prof. D. B. Deodhar (South Zone)

Results:—The final could not be played to a finish on account of Naval disturbances in Bombay.

## NORTH ZONE—1st Innings

Nazar Mohd. b Rangachari	...	41	
Mohd. Saeed c Ghazaali b Shinde	23		

## SOUTH ZONE—1st Innings

S. W. Sohoni c Irani b Fazal	...	8	
Mohammed	...		

A. Hafeez c Frank b Shinde ...	93	P. E. Palia batting	21
L. Amar Nath c Rangachari b Shinde ...	8	E. B. Albara batting	15
G. Kishenchand c Deodhar b Shinde ...	3	Extras	6
Inayat Khan c Ghazal Ali b Shinde	12	Total (for 1 wkt)	50
Rai Singh lbw b Palia	1		
Ram Prakash c and b Ramsingh	2		
Fazal Mahmood st Doctor b Shinde	14		
J. K. Irani c Deodhar b Sohoni	27		
Inderjit not out	24		
Extras	15		
Total	269		

## BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
S. W. Sohoni ...	12.5	1	39	1
C R Rangachari...	19	3	66	1
S G. Shinde ...	28	5	93	6
P. E Palia ...	18	6	25	1
A. G. Ramsingh ...	11	0	22	1

## RANJI TROPHY FINAL FOR THE YEAR 1945-46

### HOLKAR XI Vs. BARODA XI

Played at Indore on 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27th March, 1946.

Captains:—(1) Holkar XI (Col. C. K. Nayudu)

(2) Baroda XI (R. B. Nimbalkar)

Results:—Holkar won by 56 runs.

## SCORES

### HOLKAR—1st Innings

Bhandarkar c Gul Mohd. be Patel	1
Sarwate st Nimbalkar be Sheikh	42
Mushtaq Ali c Pradhan b Patel	4
Jagdale c Hazare b Amir Elahi	26
C. K. Nayudu c Nimbalkar b Hazare	200
Nimbalkar st Nimbalkar b Amir Elahi	1
C. S. Nayadu c Adhikar b Patel	6
Bhavy c Pradhan b Amir Elahi	31
Pratap Singh b Vivek Hazare	12
Gaekwad c Patel b Hazare	5
Rawal not out	1
Extras	13
Total	342

### HOLKAR—2nd Innings

K. V. Bhandarar c Adhikari b Gul Mohammed	10
C T Sarwate c Vivek Hazari b Gul Mohammed	12
M. M Jagdale lbw Vivek Hazare	20
C. B. Nimbalkar c Swamy b V.S. Hazare	40
Mushtaq Ali c Patel b Amir Elahi	18
C. K. Nayudu c V. S. Hazare b Vivek Hazare	50
C. S. Nayudu e Adhikari b Amir Elahi	0
J. N. Bhaya c Nimbalkar b Vivek Hazare	3
Pratap Singh c Swamy b Vivek Hazare	17
H Gaekwad (not out)	79
O. P. Rawal b V, S. Hazare	22
Extras	2
Total	273

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BARODA—1st Innings		BARODA—2nd Innings	
Sheikh c Nimbalkar b Rawal	... 9	S. G. Pawar lbw b C. S. Nayudu	10
R. B. Nimbalkar run out	... 28	R. B. Nimbalkar st Bhandarkar	.. 73
Pawar c Bhandarkar b Gaekwad	9	b Gaekwad	.. 73
Adhikari e Gaekward b C. S.		H. R. Adhikari lbw b Gaekwad	60
Nayudu	... 5	V. S. Hazare c C. K. Nayudu b	
V. S. Hazare not out	... 87	Sarwate	... 64
M. M. Swamy b C. S. Nayudu	... 29	Gul Mohammed c Bhandarkar	
Vivek Hazare lbw C. S. Nayudu	0	b C. S. Nayudu	.. 13
Amir Elahi c Gaekwad b C. S.		M. M. Swamy batting	... 83
Nayudu	... 2	Amir Elahi run out	... 2
R. A. Pradhan b Sarwate	... 0	Vivek Hazare lbw C.S. Nayudu	0
Ahmed Patel c Jagdale b		I. F. Sheikh c Bhaya b C. S.	
Gaekwad	... 4	Nayudu	... 10
Extras	... 19	R. A. Pradhan b C. S. Nayudu	.. 6
Total	...198	A. Patel batting	... 22
	—	Extras	... 22
		Total	...361

## HISTORY OF PATIALA CRICKET

Patiala has been one of the main centres of sports in India. To the development of games which inculcate the sporting spirit, the Ruling House of Patiala has extended such sustained patronage that all over India where manly games are held in honour, Patiala holds a high place. It is a national contribution of no mean order.

In the field of Cricket particularly, the contribution of Patiala is well-known and universally recognised. In fact, it can be safely asserted that the present position of that game in India and the popularity which it has attained with people has been due, in a very large measure, to the part played by Patiala in fostering the game in its early stages and building up by consistent effort a commendable record of achievement. His present Highness' grand-father, Maharaja Rajendra Singhji, was the pioneer Indian Prince to take up the game in right earnest, It was he who organised a series of matches and brought out leading English players to coach the Patiala XI. An other achievement of Maharaja Rajendra Singh was the Cricket ground at Chail, on a mountain top over 7,200 ft. high, to enable his team to play Cricket all the year round. It is interesting to note that the Patiala team in the time of Maharaja Rajendra Singhji often included the famous Ranji, the well-known Jam Saheb of Nawanagar.

The example of popularising the game and playing it in a scientific manner, set by Maharaja Rajendra Singhji, was followed with greater vigour and enthusiasm by his son, Maharaja Bhupendra Singhji. He continued to import English and Australian coaches for the training of the Patiala XI. He himself led the All-India team which visited England in 1911, and both as India's Captain and an excellent exponent of the game, was acclaimed as one of the Empire's leading cricketers. His late Highness was also responsible to a great extent for the visits of the M.C.C. to India in 1926 and 1933-34. With his proverbial generosity, he also arranged for the visit of an Australian team to India in 1935-36. The Southern Punjab Cricket Pavilion at Amritsar and the Brabourne Cricket Stadium at Bombay were built as a result of the efforts of His late Highness. But that was not all. Perhaps his greatest contribution in building up Cricket in India was his policy of sending promising players to foreign countries. Amar Nath, Mohd. Nisar, Nazir Ali, Amir Elahi, Jehangir Khan, Mohd. Saeed and a number of others entirely owe their high standard of game to the generous help afforded by the House of Patiala.

The present Ruler, Maharaja Yadavindra Singhji, has inherited not only the cricketing talent of his father but also his generosity and keen interest in the development of Cricket in India. Tall, handsomely tall, and looking every inch a sportsman, the present Ruler of Patiala was given thorough training. Famous coaches and players such as Dolphin, Brown, Colonel K. M. Mistri, Wilfred Rhodes, George Hirst, Frank Tarrant and Roy Kilner were engaged not only to raise the standard of play of the Patiala team but also to look to the training of Maharaja Yadavindra Singh. The record of his achievements in the realm of Cricket has completely justified the hopes entertained about him from the very beginning. When he joined the Aitchison College in 1927, for his promising style and sound batting, he was elected as the skipper of the College team.

It is really a treat to watch him play, especially when he gets going. He has a magnificent style and is as good on the field as on the pitch. He is a useful change bowler. In the short period of his first-class Cricket, His Highness has about 50 centuries and four double centuries to his credit. In a match played in 1939 at Patiala, His Highness scored 284 against Antia's XI from Bombay. During the last 60 years, notwithstanding the visits of batsmen of international fame at Patiala, no one piled up such a huge score. This is a record for the Patiala ground. Again he played a glorious innings at Amritsar for Southern Punjab against the M. C. C. He played for the all-India against the same team at Madras. In all the big and important matches played in India since 1934, His Highness has participated in them either as Captain or as a distinguished player. He played against the Australians at Bombay, Lord Tennyson's team at Bombay and Lahore, the M.C.C. at Amritsar and then at Madras. Here he made the highest score for his side against a battery of fast bowlers like Nichols and Clarke. For the last six years, His Highness has captained the Governor's XI against the Punjab University and many a time his brilliant captaincy and quick perception in gauging the trend and progress of the game, pulled his side out of seemingly bad prospects. He recently led the Princes' XI against the Australian Services' Team at Delhi which was perhaps the most exciting match in the history of Delhi. Being gifted with all the qualities that make a successful Captain, he has been very popular with his teams. He inspires confidence in his players and knows how to bring out the best of the teams which he leads into the field.

The events of consequence that are now taking place, which have to receive his attention, do not permit him to have regular practice; yet, surprisingly enough he has fully maintained his agility and form as a first-class cricketer. It is hoped that his other important pre-occupations will not stand in his way to make further valuable contribution to the Indian Cricket, for which he is so richly endowed.

## CHAPTER XI

# BIOGRAPHIES OF SOME OF OUR PATRONS

### SHAIKH MOHAMMED NASIRUDDIN

The Shaikh Saheb of Mangrol, who is 29 years old, was educated at the Rajkumar College at Rojkot, and subsequently at Col. Brown's Cambridge School at Dehradun. He proceeded to England in 1937 where he was under the guardianship of the well-known cricketer R.J O. Meyer, a Cambridge man. He passed the school certificate with credit and was accepted by the Cambridge University in 1938 where he got a first-class in his first year of the Tripos. He came to India in 1939 for the vacation but unfortunately the war broke out and he could not go back for the completion of his educational term.

He started playing cricket from a very young age chiefly because his father before him was a distinguished cricketer and for a long time Captain of the Sorath and Western India States Agency Elevens. All his younger brothers are exceptional cricketers. While in England he played cricket for 2 years for the county of Northamptonshire. His highest score was 42 not out against Sussex. He also played in 1941 Pentangular Cricket Tournament in Bombay and on his first appearance gave a good account of himself by scoring 64 against the Rest. He has made on many occasions, in first-class matches, creditable scores of centuries and over in India.

Besides cricket, his other recreations are Hockey, Tennis, Shooting and Hawking.

The Shaikh Saheb contributed upto-date Rs.53,000- towards the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund; over and above several other contributions for other incidental war purposes amounting nearly to Rs,60,000-including investments in Defence Bonds. Side by side with these contributions, he realised the hardships of his people brought about by war and devised various schemes of relief, such as Organisation

of Grain Merchants' Syndicate, Food & Cloth Rationing, Control of Prices, State Cheap Grain Shop and liberal dearness allowances to the lower-grade servants whose interest he has always at heart.

### **SIR PADAMPAT SINGHANIA Kt. M.L.A.**

Every one knows the position that Sir Padampat Singhania holds in the industry of this country. Just as his interest in industry is so varied, he also has interest in many other walks of life including sports. Each year games and sports have been arranged through Kamla Club at Cawnpore on a grand scale, presided by eminent personalities like His Excellency the Governor and the Hon'ble Supply Member etc.

Sir Padampat himself take part in Tennis and other games. His interest in Cricket is also there. He is ever willing to assist any body and every body where games and sports are concerned.

He has always held the view that games and sports must be a part and parcel of the life of each worker because it is only the good health of a man that can make him efficient in his work also, apart from the happy life that sports and games provide to any one.

### **SETH KAILASHPAT SINGHANIA**

Born in 1908 at Cawnpore in one of the most illustrious families of Northern India, Lala Kailashpat Singhania is one of the most colourful personalities in the J. K. Group of industries. The meteoric rise of the J. K's is a story that hardly needs to be retold today. Handsome, tall and well-built, a perfect specimen of manhood, Lala Kailashpatji at the age of 38 is one of those commerce kings of the present generation who is symbolic of a perfect blend of the East and the West. A fine head, with a magnificent bearing and compelling presence, he has the dash of a typical yankee and the freshness and vivacity of buoyant youth. Director of a score of concerns and partner in a score of others, he has today to shoulder most of the burden of the J. K.

Group, ably guided by his famous brother Sir Padampat. And for all these, he has the strength, the endurance and the requisite acumen.

The period of his apprenticeship was covered under the great Kamlapatji, his father, who taught him step by step, all that was necessary to carry further the still greater, J. K. tradition. Working from morning till night he not only learned to handle all the machineries that were set up for the various units of the J. K. Group of Industries but in addition he developed a rare quality in that he became an idol of his employees for his spirit of camaraderie and a "hail-fellow well met" attitude. The years 1939-40 saw him across the Atlantic and the Pacific, rounding off his training period, and the experience so gained has not only rewarded him very richly but has been a source of invaluable asset for the continuous expansion of the J.K's and their ultra-modernism which is envied by many but copied by few.

Social to the boot, he is a success even everywhere and he is constantly sought after by those who have come in touch with his fine natural gifts and love for objects artistic. He is intensely humane and is a great lover of nature and has a rare eye for the beautiful. KAMLA RETREAT is perhaps a symbol of all that he loves nature and has in it some of the rarest treasure troves.

He is a patron of the U. P. Olympic Association, the Bhatkhande School of Music, Lucknow; member of the Faculty of Commerce, Lucknow University, the Cawnpore Textile Institute, and the Indian Overseas Central Association, Delhi. He is founder-President of the Cawnpore Rotary Club and the founder-member of the Lodge Hindustan, Cawnpore. Indeed, Freemasonry is one of his most important hobbies. Life-member of the Roshanara Club, Delhi, and the Cricket Club of India, he is a patron of all sorts of manly sports, specially cricket and tennis. The famous KAMLA CLUB at Cawnpore owes its all to Lala Kailashpatji and under five years of his stewardship as President of the Club from its very inception,

Kamla Club has grown from strength to strength. The Annual Sports of J. K. Group are a unique feature and are looked forward to by lovers of sports all over India who come to witness these sports every year.

### **Mr. RAMGOPAL GUPTA**

A young enthusiast and lover of games and sports. Here again, there is another industrialist at Cawnpore, who is fond of games and sports not only in theory but in practice as well. He is the younger brother of famous Lala Ram Rattan Gupta, M.L.A.

Towards Cricket, his interest has been very keen. He has been organizing a cricket Team for his own mills, and whenever a Cricket match of a high standard is arranged in Cawnpore, he is always willing to sacrifice his valuable time in making the match a success. Cawnpore is staging the Ranji Trophy Match this year, which will be played between the U.P. and Bengal. He is the President of the Committee formed to make arrangements for the Trophy Match. Mr. Ram Gopal Gupta is the proprietor of Laxmi Rattan Cotton Mills Cawnpore, and is one of the patrons of "Who's who In Indian Cricket".

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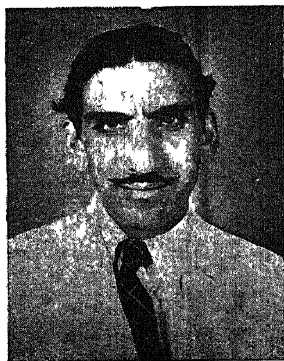
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The Right Rev. G. D. Barne, M.A.,  
O.B.E., C.I.E., Bishop of Lahore  
is the popular President of N.I.C.A.

He is a great patron of Cricket,  
and has done a lot for the  
N. I. C. A.



R. T. Simpson.  
Nottinghamshire C. C.  
(England)



Mr. K. A. Rashid is a popular  
businessman of Delhi



## WHO'S WHO IN THE INDIAN CRICKET TEAM OF 1946

**NAWAB OF PATAUDI** (Captain) is a well-known International Cricketer who like Ranji and Duleep scored a century for England in his first appearance in the test against the Australians. He is the only Indian to achieve triple blue in Cricket, Hockey and Billiards at Oxford. He is a very able Captain and on account of his twelve years experience of English cricket, he is definitely the best choice for leadership and will handle his men better than the Captains of the last two Indian Teams of 1932 and 1936. Is the finest batsman of the team and can also bowl slow googlies. Under his leadership the team, it can be hoped, will win several matches.

**VIJAY M. MERCHANT** (Vice Captain) was a member of the All-India team that visited England in 1936 and topped the batting list by scoring 1745 runs with an average of 51.32. Is a very sound defensive batsman and should score lot of runs. Also bowls medium fast.

**RUSI. S. MODI** has been a very consistent run-getter in India, and on English wickets, after studying the conditions, will score many centuries. A good field.

**D. D. HINDLEKAR** was the wicket-keeper of the 1936 Indian team, Is a good opening bat and having experience of English wickets will do marvellous job behind the sticks.

**S.W. SOHONI** is the Maharashtra batsman, who apart from being a fast bowler, is a fine batsman. He will help the team considerably in both the departments.

**A. HAFEEZ** is a left-hand rising batsman of the team who will score freely on hard wickets. Is also a good left-hand in-swing bowler and smart field.

**V. S. HAZARE** is the second best all-rounder of the team. He has to his credit record performances in batting and bowling. Is bound to score lot of runs on English wickets. Will also help in opening the attack in bowling, when Bannerji or Amarnath are not fit.

**R. B. NIMBALKAR** is the second best wicket-keep of the the team. Besides possessing fine qualities of wicket-keeping he is a reliable bat.

**S. MUSHTAQ ALI** is one of the finest batsman of the team, who will probably open the Indian Team's batting. His best position is No. 3. Was also a member of the All-India team of 1936 and scored the highest number of centuries. Mushtaq is a batsman who can easily find a place in a world XI. Can play any type of bowling with great ease.

**C. S. NAYUDU** was one of the members of the 1936 All-India team which toured England. Is a very good googly bowler who will claim several wickets in England. Is also a fine field and aggressive bat.

**C. T. SARWATE** is one of the best all-rounders of the team. Bowls medium slow spinner and is a sound batsman. Is bound to be a very successful all-rounder on English tour.

**VINOO MANKAD** is another good all-rounder of the team who has to his credit several bowling and batting performances in India. On English wickets we hope he will prove very successful both with the ball and bat.

**S. BANERJI** was included in the 1936 all-India team as one of the fast bowlers to open India's attack and captured 40 wickets during the tour. Is the only fast bowler in the present team and will be responsible for opening India's attack this time also.

**L. AMARNATH** is the best all-rounder of the team and will be the opening bowler and No. 4 batsman of the team. Has scored several centuries in first-class cricket. Like Mushtaq Ali, Amarnath is a batsman who can play against any type of bowling on any wicket. Will score many centuries and would claim several wickets in England.

**GUL MOHAMED** is the best fielder of the team. A fine left-hand batsman who also bowls left-hand medium fast stuff. Will be very popular with English Crowds.

**S. G. SHINDE** is the youngest member of the present team. A fine steady bowler and is bound to prove very successful on English wickets. Is a good field.

*"Who's who in Indian Cricket" wishes best of luck to the members of the Indian team of 1946.*





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